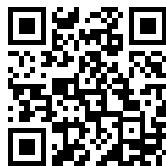
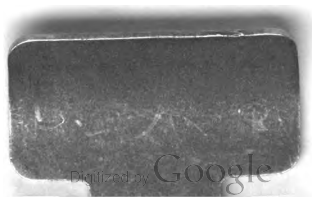

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INTRODUCTION

The HISTORY OF GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA was originally published in 1897 as a part of a volume entitled HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, INDIANA, AND GIBSON COUNTY.

This reprint is of the section pertaining to Gibson County.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GIBSON COUNTY.

Prior to the incoming of the white man, the red man inhabited the territory now marked by the limits of Gibson county. The Indians who roamed and hunted over the wooded hills and vales of this region were made up from remnants of several tribes, among which were the following: Shawnee, Sacs, Fox, Kickapoo, Miami and Pottawatomies. Of the Shawnee tribe, old "Trackwell" was a noted chief. He had a village of several wigwams, located on Indian Creek, about two miles northeast of where Princeton is located. The Miami's had a fort on the Patoka River, and claimed ownership to a portion of the territory. As civilization approached from the South and East, the Indians gradually disappeared, moving westward. The forest wilds yielded to the ax of sturdy pioneers, and were transformed into fields of waving grain. Long since have rested on the ruins of the wigwam, the foundations of industry, and has been heard the noisy din of the trades, where once the stillness of the dense forest was unbroken save by the warhoop of the redman.

The first white man to become a settler within the borders of what is now Gibson County, was John Severns, Sr., who was a native of Wales. He came to this country with his parents prior to the revolutionary war, in which struggle he served a short time, and while on a visit to his parental home, then in the wilds of Western Virginia, he and all of his family were captured by a band of Indians, who killed his father, mother, sister and younger brother. He and an elder brother were held as prisoners. His brother remained with the Indians, married a squaw and reared a family. John remained a prisoner for seven years; made his escape at the first favorable opportunity; went to Pennsylvania, and there married. Subsequently he assisted in making government surveys in Kentucky, and from that State came to the Northwest Territory about 1789, and settled with his family, then consisting of himself, his wife and five children, on the South bank of Patoka River, at a point where he ran a ferry boat, and which point was long known as Severns' Ferry—and later Severns' Bridge.

John Severns, Sr., was a good man, and his influence with the Indians enabled him to preserve peace between them and early settlers. His death occurred about 1829, and his remains were

buried near where he settled, as he requested they should be. With the settlement of this hardy pioneer came the dawn of civilization in Gibson County. The next settlers to follow him were Gervas and Daniel Hazleton. The former established a ferry on White River, was a prominent citizen and the head of a large family. In the year 1800, David Robb settled in the county. He was the pioneer of the Robb family in Gibson County. He was originally from Virginia, but directly from Kentucky. He was a noble man and of much prominence. John Johnson, the pioneer of this family in Gibson County, settled here in 1802. He came from Kentucky, but was a native of Virginia. William Hargrove settled in the county in 1803. He was a Virginian by birth, but came from Kentucky to this State. Joseph Milburn, from Kentucky (originally from Virginia) settled here in 1803. John Hinemann, a native of Pennsylvania, removed from Kentucky to Indiana, and became a settler of Gibson County in 1803. James McClure and his widowed mother came to the county in 1805. In the same year the following settled in the county: Thomas Montgomery, Gen. Robert M. Evans, Joseph Neely, Jesse Kimball and others. In 1807 the following named persons and their families made settlements in the county: Joseph Woods, William Harrington, Thomas and William Archer (brothers), John Benson, Jesse and Asa Music, John and Providence Mounts.

Rev. Stephen Strickland, regular Baptist minister, settled here in 1808, and in the same year William Clark, Rev. Alex. Devin and Carrie Wilkinson settled in the county. Major James Smith, who came also in 1808, was an influential man in the early days in this county. Another old settler was John Braselton, who also came in 1808. The years 1809 and 1810 marked a strong influx of settlers, among whom were: Robert McGary, John Armstrong, William Forbes, Charles Cross, Fielding and Zachariah and Oliver Lucas, Capt. Henry Hopkins, William Latham, Absalom Linn, Morgan Leathers, Robert Slaven, Daniel McFetridge, Col. Smith Miller, James Stewart, John Roberts, William Leach. The Overton and Vaughn families were also pioneers. Jesse Emerson, a prominent pioneer, came in 1811. In the same year Joshua Enlbree and Andrew Gudgel became the pioneers of two families that have been prominent in the history of the county.

The early settlers of Gibson County were principally from the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. They were a hardy and sturdy people, who possessed more intelligence and piety, than usual for new settlers, and the moral tone of their influence and example has left impress on their descendents.

ORGANIZATION OF GIBSON COUNTY.

Prior to the organization of Gibson County, its territory was a part of the county of Knox. The civil history of the county of Gibson properly dates from the 9th of March, 1813, the day upon which the act for the organization of the county was approved by the territorial legislature of Indiana. Since the date of the organization of the county, portions of its territory, at different times, have been taken off, and have assisted in forming the counties of Posey, Vanderburgh, Pike and Warrick. The present area of the county consists of 490 square miles. The population of the county in 1890 numbered 24,920 souls. There are now (1896) probably 30,000 people in the county. The county was given the name of Gibson in honor of Gen. John Gibson, a brave and gallant soldier of the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars. He was also Secretary of the Territory of Indiana from 1800 until the admission of Indiana into the Union as a State, in 1816.

During the progress of events that led to the full and perfect organization of the county, in the civil and legislative functions, a judicial power was necessary to the protection of the rights and general welfare of the people. The organization of the court of common pleas was an important, as well as one of the first steps toward the completion of the organic system of the county.

BENCH AND BAR.

Pursuant to the provisions of the enabling act for the organization of the county, the Gibson Court of Common Pleas was begun and held at the house of William Harrington on Monday, May 10., 1813. Hon. William Harrington was president judge, and Isaac Montgomery and Daniel Putnam were his associate judges. The reader must remember that this occurred three years before Indiana became a State. The first courts of the county were known as that of common pleas courts, which were continued until the organization of the State in 1816. The constitution of 1816 provided that the judicial powers of the State should be vested in one Supreme Court and Circuit Courts. The latter courts were formed by a president judge and two associate judges, who were elected by the qualified electors in the counties forming the circuits. Hon. Isaac Blackford succeeded Hon. William Harrington as president judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and he in turn was succeeded by Hon. David Raymond, who was succeeded by Hon. William Prince, and those who succeeded to this office were the following, and they came into the office in the order in which their names are given: Hon. David Hart; Hon. Richard Daniel, Hon. James R. E. Goodlett, Hon. Samuel Hall, Hon. Chas. I. Battell, Hon. Elisia Embree, Hon. James

Lockhart. As the Court of Common Pleas was discontinued in 1816, the Circuit Court took its place, but as the Circuit Courts were formed by a president and two associate judges as were formed the Courts of Common Pleas, the above named president judges are named without reference to whether they presided over the Courts of Common Pleas or the Circuit Courts. However, Judge Isaac Blackford organized and held the first Circuit Court in Gibson County. The Circuit Courts continued to be presided over by a president and two associate judges until 1851, when the new State constitution of Indiana abolished the office of associate judge. Hon. Alvin P. Hovey became judge of the Circuit Courts in September, 1851, and served till April, 1854. He was succeeded by Hon. William E. Niblack, who served till March, 1858, when he resigned to enter Congress. His unexpired term was filled by Hon. Ballard Smith. He was succeeded by Hon. Michael F. Burke, whose successor was Hon. James C. Denny, who in turn was succeeded by Hon. John Baker, whose successor was Hon. Newton F. Malott. The latter served from 1870 to 1873. In March of that year Hon. Oscar M. Welborn was appointed to succeed him, and Judge Welborn has since remained on the bench. Elsewhere in this volume is given a biographical sketch of him.

The Probate Courts, for the settlement of decedent estates, first met in Gibson County in 1830. The Judges of Probate Courts in this County were: Isaac Montgomery, from 1830 to 1832; James Devin, from 1832 to 1837; John Hargrove, from 1837 to 1838; William French, from August, 1838 to December, same year; Samuel A. Stewart, from December, 1838, to 1845; Frederick Bruner, from 1845 to 1849; Amasa D. Foster, from 1849 to 1851. In 1851 the Probate Court was abolished, and its business transferred to the Common Pleas Courts. Those who served as Judges of the Common Pleas Courts were: John Pitcher, Andrew L. Robinson, Morris S. Johnson, William P. Edson, William M. Land, J. B. Handy. In 1873 the Common Pleas Court was abolished by act of the Legislature, and the business of the Court transferred to the Circuit Court.

Judge William Prince was the first resident attorney in Gibson County. He was a resident of the County at the time of its organization and was appointed the first Prosecuting Attorney. Shortly after the organization of the County, David Hart and Richard Daniel located in Princeton. They afterward became Judges of the Circuit Court. In the early history of the County the most noted resident lawyers, perhaps, were Judge Samuel Hall and Judge Elisha Embree. Judge John Pitcher was an able lawyer but he resided at Princeton for only a brief period. Among other early resident lawyers of the County the following names appear: Judge Bowman, Judge Elias Terry, William P. Hall, Alex. C.

Donald, Jacob F. Bird, James T. Embree, Judge William M. Land, H. T. Kaiger, Burr H. Polk, William H. Brownlee, William Reavis, John E. Phillips, Charles G. Bennett, William Aydelotte, David F. Embree.

Among the present members of the Gibson County bar the following are among the most prominent: William M. Land (the Nestor of the bar), Clarence A. Buskirk, Thomas R. Paxton, John H. Miller, Arthur P. Twineham, John W. Ewing, Henry A. Yeager, M. W. Fields, Lucius C. Embree, James B. Gamble, John R. McCoy, W. D. Robinson, L. W. Gudgel, Thomas Duncan, John W. Brady, and others.

Hon. J. E. McCollough, now of Indianapolis, resided and practiced law in Princeton several years, and rose to prominence. The present bar of Gibson County is particularly strong and its members are among the ablest attorneys of the state. This has always been true of this bar.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCES.

The seat of justice for Gibson County was located in February 1814, and it was ordered by the court that it should be known as Princeton. The location of the seat of justice having been definitely agreed upon, the next step was the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the public officers. In 1814 this step was taken, and in the following year the first court house (a brick) was completed and at once occupied. This first building was used by the county for over a quarter of a century, until 1841, when it appeared advisable to erect a new court house. The necessary steps were taken, and in the year 1843 a new structure of brick was completed, at a cost of about \$9,000. This building was a substantial one and was used for about forty years. In 1884 the present court house was erected at a cost of about \$120,000. It is of modern style of architecture, and is a commodious and handsome edifice.

In 1814, the first steps were taken for the building of a public jail for the county, and the building was soon afterward completed, and was used till 1835, in the spring of which year a new jail building was completed. The second building served the county for many years, and until the present substantial brick jail was built. The poor in Gibson County have always received careful attention. Comfortable buildings serve as an asylum for the unfortunate poor, and are creditable to the citizens and officials of the county.

Public roads and bridges in the county have been looked after in a manner manifesting a spirit of progress on the part of the county. Good school buildings and excellent schools also mark progressiveness of the people. But few counties in Indiana have

better public buildings and other improvements than has Gibson County. The county also has many fine homes and well improved farms. The county is almost wholly an agricultural district; and in the production of wheat stands second to no county in the State. It is perhaps the leading wheat producing county. The present assessed value of real and personal property in the county is about \$14,563,775. The county is one of the oldest in the State. It has not witnessed any phenomenal advances in growth and development, still it has made steady progress. It has convenient shipping facilities, having four lines of railroads, viz.: The Evansville & Terre Haute; the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis, (Air Line) the Evansville & Indianapolis and the Mt. Vernon branch of the E. & T. H., from Ft. Branch.

A review of the financial condition of the county each year since its organization would be of little historical value, but a recapitulation of the county auditor's report of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1896, will give the reader an idea of the financial condition of the county at the time of this writing. According to the Treasurer's annual report for 1896, the amount on hand June 1, 1895, was \$111,948.57. For the fiscal year ending May 31, 1896, the receipts were \$258,458.39, which amount, together with the amount on hand June 1, 1895, makes a total receipt of \$370,407.96, for the above named fiscal year. For this same year the amount expended was \$260,003.00, hence the amount on hand May 31, 1896, was \$110,404.96. Of this amount \$32,913.96 were county revenues; \$9,290.75, State revenues; \$4,655.48, township funds; \$13,057.46, tuition funds; \$13,880.05, special school funds; \$10,645.49, road funds; \$7,184.04, special road funds; \$917.79, dog funds; \$9,196.38, corporation funds; \$366.93, library (Princeton) funds; \$406.19, railroad funds; \$3,349.13, school bond funds; \$20.00, surplus tuition funds; \$300.00 saloon license; \$7.80, stray fund; \$2,045.74, school fund principal; \$2,167.77, school fund interest.

MEDICAL HISTORY.

At this late date, in the absence of the necessary data, it cannot be expected that much of the history of the medical profession in Gibson County can be recorded. Who were the first physicians to practice the healing art in the county cannot be ascertained. Below is given the names of several physicians who may be appropriately classed as "olden time" practitioners in the county: J. J. Pennington, Wiloby Walling, George B. Graff, H. H. Patten, — Kell, V. T. West, — Cook, — Fullerton, — Neely, — Downey, — Stockwell, — Howard, — McCollough, — Day, — Littlepage, — Mumford.

May 1, 1874, pursuant to a call of a number of physicians of

Gibson County met at Princeton for the purpose of organizing a county medical society, and on that date the Gibson County Medical Society was duly organized. The following physicians have been members of this society and have practiced medicine in the county: J. Stott, H. H. Patten, J. C. Patten, V. T. West, W. W. Blair, S. E. Mumford, W. G. Kidd, Robert Moore, J. W. Runcie, S. H. Shoptaugh, Wm. A. Downey, W. H. Church, P. H. Curtner, E. J. Howard, W. H. Stewart, J. L. Dow, J. A. Malone, R. Davis, J. C. McClurkin, J. C. Woodruff, J. F. Gudgel, F. H. Maxam, W. G. Hopkins, D. P. Reavis, G. C. Mason, G. M. Sears, W. W. French, G. W. Runcie, W. H. Maghee, F. Nelson, W. P. Hornbrook, Geo. A. Thomas, G. C. Kendle, A. R. Burton, J. P. Ward, G. C. Fisher, F. Blair and others.

The following is a list of those who have practiced medicine in the county more recently, and perhaps the list embraces nearly all physicians now residing in the county: R. S. Anderson, A. R. Burton, Hiram Burton, John Ballard, W. W. Blair, Frank Blair, Thos. M. Brown, R. A. Benson, Geo. B. Bearsford, John I. Clark, W. B. Duncan, Oscar F. Davis, Geo. P. Dorsey, E. E. Eads, W. W. French, J. F. Gudgel, W. R. Genung, Oliver L. Hudson, John F. Howard, Royal G. Higgins, W. G. Hopkins, John M. Ireland, Wm. G. Kidd, G. C. Kendle, F. H. Maxam, T. J. Montgomery, Victor Marchant, Robert S. Mason, G. C. Mason, J. W. McGowan, W. J. McGowan, John S. Moreman, Claude M. McDonald, Frank Nelson, Calvin L. Null, Jas. C. Patten, Isom H. Phipps, J. W. Runcie, D. P. Reavis, H. R. Rickets, L. B. Richie, J. L. Robinson, George Strickland, J. W. Shelton, S. H. Shoptaugh, Wm. H. Stewart, — Tarr, Geo. A. Thomas, James Thomas, J. M. Williams, W. T. Williamson, A. C. Woodruff, J. P. Ward.

WAR HISTORY.

The people of Gibson County from pioneer days to the present have been law abiding citizens, as well as patriotic. The first war in which the citizens of the county participated, was that struggle with the Indian confederacy, organized and led by Tecumseh and his brother, the Prophet, in 1811. Several companies were organized for that struggle, from the territory embraced in Gibson County. After the close of this struggle little occurred to rouse the military spirit of the citizens of this county until the Mexican war came on. This war occurred between the United States and Mexico in 1846 and 1847. The State of Indiana furnished five regiments, and there were a few men enlisted from this county. The Hon. Judge William M. Land, of Princeton, was one of them. Joseph and Thomas Summers were in the Black Hawk war of 1832. In 1842 the Board of County Commissioners exempted George Holbrook, Sr., from paying tax

on 160 acres of land on which he resided in this county, on proof of his having served in the Revolutionary war. Jesse Kimball, Thomas Montgomery, Samuel Montgomery, Jerre Wyatt and Joshua Kitchens were also Revolutionary soldiers, and afterward residents of this county.

The war of the rebellion fully aroused the military spirit of the county, and to the call for volunteers to enlist in the army of the Union, Gibson County quickly responded, and her sons went forth to aid the nation in the hour of its peril, nobly discharging the duty imposed by their obligations to their common country, and the purpose to maintain the supremacy of the laws. The greatest of conflicts began on the memorable 12th of April, 1861, when the guns of treason opened fire on the flag of liberty, at Fort Sumter, and closed with the surrender of Gen. Lee to Gen. Grant at Appomattox, April 9, 1865. Of the record her citizens bore in that conflict Gibson County may well be proud. The State of Indiana furnished 280,367 soldiers to the war for the Union. Of the above number Gibson County is credited with having furnished 2,199, of which number 193 were re-enlisted veterans, and consequently served two terms. The quota assigned to this county was 2,314, and the credits 2,392, making a surplus of 78 more than the county was required to furnish. Gibson county not only gave her best and noblest blood, but also subscribed liberally her money and other means so necessary to carry on a great war. The county paid a total bounty of \$104,014.15 and a total relief fund of \$31,035.51.

Inasmuch as this volume contains the history of Indiana in the civil war, in which a brief mention is made of each regiment organized and sent out from the State, the reader is referred to the history of Indiana embraced in this work, for further information on this subject.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The history of early education in Gibson County is involved in considerable obscurity, as the official records furnish little information in regard thereto. The early settlers, however, fully appreciated the importance of establishing schools, for as early as 1807 a few subscription schools were maintained in the more thickly settled neighborhoods. The first school house was erected in the Robb neighborhood in the northern part of White River Township. The structure was a one-story log house, with clap-board roof and puncheon floor; the roof was held down by weight poles made fast by hickory withes; it had windows of greased paper to admit light, a portion of a log being left out on each side to give place for the paper windows. A large fire place, extending from side to side at the rear end of the building, and the chimney was of clay and sticks. Large logs were rolled into the

fire place and a roaring fire heated this primitive country lyceum. Puncheon benches served for seats, and slabs fastened up around the sides of the room by pegs resting in holes in the logs, served as writing and ciphering desks. Reading, writing and arithmetic were the rudimentary studies. The schools of those early days were subscription schools, and the teacher generally boarded round with patrons of the schools. In many instances pupils had to go three, four and five miles to and from school, morning and night. Joseph Duncan taught school in the county as early as 1808. William Woods and John Johnson were pioneer teachers. David Burch, Solomon D. King, John Coursly, Mathew Cunningham, William Chittenden, Ira Bostick, Major James Smith, John Kell, William Putnam and others were among the early teachers in this county. The first constitution of Indiana wisely provided that "it shall be the duty of the general assembly, as soon as circumstances will permit, to provide by law for a general system of education, ascending in a regular gradation from township schools to a State university, wherein tuition shall be gratis and equally open to all." The schools of the State, however, were supported by an inferior system up to about 1853, about which time the new state constitution made it the duty of the general assembly to provide by law for a general and uniform system of common schools, wherein tuition shall be gratis, and the schools equally open to all. The law of 1855, and later of 1865, carried out the plan of the constitution, and hence our present magnificent system of free schools in Indiana. For many years the schools of Gibson county have been managed under that beneficent system of free instruction, provided by law, and the many good school houses that are now in this county, and the excellent schools taught therein are abundant evidence that the cause of education in Gibson county has always had many supporters.

CHURCHES.

The people of Gibson county have always been a deeply moral and religious class. The following have been the prevailing denominations of church in the county: Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, General Reformed Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, First Reformed Presbyterian, Independent Covenanters, Methodist Episcopal, Evangelical, Regular Baptist, General Baptist, and Roman Catholic. The clergymen of the Regular Baptist and the Methodist Episcopal were among the first to preach the gospel in this county. Limited space forbids giving a detailed history of churches in this county.

PRINCIPAL TOWNS.

The seat of justice was located at the February (1814) term of the Common Pleas Court, which court ordered that the seat of

justice should be known as Princeton. It is located nearly in the geographical center of the county, and is at the junction of the Evansville and Terre Haute railway and the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis railway. The town was surveyed and the plat was recorded March 28, 1814, but owing to a mistake a new survey was made the following year. The name of the town was decided upon by the commissioners, who cast lots among themselves for the privilege of naming it. Capt. William Prince was the fortunate one in the contest, and hence the name Princeton. The first merchant of Princeton was Willis C. Osborn, who located here in the latter part of 1814. In the same year Robert Stockwell became a merchant of the town, and was for many years the leading merchant of the place. A postoffice was early established and John J. Neely, a prominent man in the early history of the county, became the first postmaster. The town had a steady growth and enjoyed for several years the largest mercantile trade of any town for many miles eastward. The place did not have a newspaper until 1845, when John F. Buntion brought an outfit here and established the Princeton Chronicle, which was the first newspaper printed in the county. The town now has two daily and four weekly newspapers.

Princeton has good schools, ten well supported churches, a public library of 6,000 volumes, water works, electric light plant, the Air Line railroad shops, one of the largest saw mill and lumber yards in the State, several other industrial enterprises, many well-stocked and managed mercantile establishments, and now (1896) has a population of about 7,000. Its population has doubled during the last five or six years.

The Maule coal mine was recently opened, and thereby another very important industry added. The people of this thrifty town are not plodders, but enterprising, intelligent and progressive.

OAKLAND CITY, the second largest and commercial town in Gibson county, is situated on a beautiful elevation, and commands an extensive view of the surrounding country, and located in the center of a rich agricultural district. It has excellent railway facilities, as the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis, and the Evansville & Indianapolis form a junction here, giving an outlet to the north, south east and west. With these advantages the town has had a prosperous growth and has developed into a first-class town of nearly 2,000 population. Its population in 1890 was 1,524. One of the first settlers here was Jesse Houchins. The Hargroves, Cockrums, Barretts and others have been prominently identified with the history of the place from an early day. The town was laid out by James W. Cockrum and Warrick Hargrove, in 1856. The first physician to locate here was Dr. William R. Leister. In 1871 the Independent, the first newspaper, was established. The place now

has two newspapers, the Enterprise and the Journal. Oakland City has always been an educational center. She has maintained good public schools, and at present has a splendid academical institution. The town is enterprising and progressive, and a pleasant resident town.

FORT BRANCH is a prosperous town of perhaps one thousand people. In 1890 the population of the place was 748. It is located on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad, and is the northern terminal of the Mt. Vernon branch of this road. The town is pleasantly situated in the midst of one of the richest agricultural districts of the county. In 1852 the railroad was built through here, and a station located, and called La Grange, in honor of Aaron La Grange, who owned the land, and the postoffice was removed from Little York, which was about one mile north of the station on the state road. There being a La Grange in the northern part of the state, the name here must be changed. The name Fort Branch was selected in order to perpetuate the name of the old fort built here by the pioneers as a means of protection against the Indians. The town has had a steady growth and at present does a large volume of business. A bank was recently established and one good flouring mill and elevator is operated here, and three papers are issued here. Good schools and several churches indicate the progressiveness of the people. It is an incorporated town, and its people are law-abiding citizens.

HIAUBSTADT, formerly known as Haub's Station, an old stage station on the state road, is located on the E. & T. H. R. R., and nearly in the center of Johnson township. The town was laid out in 1855, by James H. Oliver. The place is peopled by a thrifty and enterprising class of German citizens. In 1877 the Roman Catholics built here a handsome church edifice. The public schools are well maintained. The town contains a population of about 600.

OWENSVILLE was laid out in 1817, and named in honor of Thomas Owens of Kentucky. The town is situated on the branch of the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad, which runs from Fort Branch to Mt. Vernon. The surrounding country is one of the richest agricultural districts in the state. The leading and most important business man in the early history of the town was John C. Warrick, son of Capt. Jacob Warrick. The town has never had a phenomenal growth, but a steady one. June 20, 1876, the whole solid front of stone buildings, on the east side of the square, except the northeast corner brick, was swept away by fire, with a loss of about \$40,000. The town was incorporated in 1881, has one bank, one weekly newspaper and one religious journal devoted to the Baptist church. The place is peopled by an intelligent and enterprising class of citizens. In 1890 it had a population of 759; it has grown but little since then.

PATOKA is situated on the north bank of Patoka river, from which it derives its name, and on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad. Patoka is an Indian name and signifies "log on the bottom," and was applied to the river on account of so many logs having settled to the bottom and there sticking fast in the slimy mud. This town was first known as Smithfield, then Columbia, and was platted and recorded as such in the fall of 1813. It is the oldest town in Gibson county, and the name Patoka was given it in order to avoid having two postoffices in the state by the name of Columbia. In 1890 it had a population of 729; there are now (1896) about 1,000 people domiciled here.

HAZLETON has a population of about 850, and is situated on the south bank of White River and on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad. The town was laid out by Gervas Hazleton, from whom it takes its name. The second settlement made in the county was made here.

FRANCISCO was platted and laid out in January, 1851, by John Perkins. It is on the line of the old Wabash & Erie canal, and during the time that canal was in operation the town was very flourishing. It is now on the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railroad, and is a thrifty little village of about 500 people.

ELECTIONS AND REGISTER OF OFFICERS.

The first election held in Gibson county was on the 30th day of May, 1814. To give tabulated returns of all elections held in Gibson county since that date, would be only to consume much space, and would be of no practical value, except to show which political party has from time to time controlled the balance of power; and as the county has long been a recognized republican county, with occasional variations, and as a list of the officials, who have filled the more important offices, is of particular interest, a partial register of officers in the county is given below:

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—In the senate, from Gibson county, or the district of which the same is a part. First senator William Prince. First session held at Corydon, November 4, 1816. Session held at Corydon, December 2, 1818, Isaac Montgomery. Session held at Corydon, November 17, 1821, Richard Daniel; session held at Corydon, December 2, 1822, Richard Daniel; first session held at Indianapolis, December 5, 1825, Isaac Montgomery—served from 1825 to 1829. Then David Robb served from 1829 to 1833; Elisha Embree served from 1833 to 1835; Thomas E. Stewart served from 1835 to 1838; John Hargrove served from 1838 to 1841; Smith Miller served from 1841 to 1844; Benjamin R. Edmunson served from 1844 to 1847; Smith Miller served from 1847 to 1850; Benjamin T. Goodman served from 1850 to 1855; William

Hawthorne served from 1855 to 1857; John Hargrove served from 1857 to 1861; Thomas Shoulders served from 1862 to 1865; James Baker served from 1865 to 1867; Thomas C. Jaques served from 1867 to 1871; Magnes T. Carnahan served from 1871 to 1875; Jasper Davidson served from 1875 to 1879; Gustavus F. Menzies served from 1879 to 1883; James E. McCollough served from 1883 to 1887; V. P. Bozeman served from 1887 to 1891; Albert G. Holcomb served from 1891 to 1895; V. P. Bozeman served from 1895 to —.

The Representatives from Gibson County or the district of which the same composed a part have been: Edward Hogan and John Johnson served in 1816; James Campbell and Richard Daniel served from 1817 to 1818; Richard Daniel and John Johnson served in 1818; David Robb served from 1820 to 1822; John Gibson served in 1823; David Robb and Robert M. Evans served in 1825; Walter Wilson served from 1826 to 1827; David Robb in 1828; Samuel Hall (1829-'30); John Hargrove (1831 to 1835); Smith Miller (1835 to 1838); James Devin (1838); Smith Miller (1839); Isaac Montgomery (1840); Joseph Devin (1841); John Hargrove (1842); William Montgomery (1843 to 1844); Samuel Hall (1845); Samuel Miller (1846); George W. Thompson (1847); James W. Cockrum (1848); Silas M. Holcomb (1849); George B. Graff (1850); James W. Cockrum (1851); Alex. C. Donald (1853); John Hargrove (1855); Caleb Trippett (1857); Isaac M. Woods (1858 to 1861); Silas M. Holcomb (1861 to 1865); John Hargrove (1865); Jacob F. Bird (1867); Austin Huston (1869); William J. McGowan (1871); Clarence A. Buskirk (1872 to 1875); Jacob M. Montgomery (1875); Francis W. Hauss (1877); Jasper Davidson (1879); George C. Mason (1881); William Genung (1883); A. P. Twineham (1885); Jesse M. Montgomery (1887); M. W. Fields (1889); Preston A. Bryant (1891 to 1893); W. D. Robinson (1895); D. D. Hart (1897).

Under the chapter on the Bench and Bar there has been given a list of those who have served as judges of the courts in Gibson County. In the year 1841, the office of County Auditor was created, and the first officer elected was John Ames, resigned September 2, 1843, and Alfred Poland was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next ensuing election. Since then the following have held this office: William Kurtz, John E. Phillips, Willis S. Hargrove, John C. Holcomb, William J. Casey, Alexander J. Montgomery, John W. Johnson, L. W. McDonald and Samuel R. Adams.

SHERIFFS.

James Crow, Henry Hopkins, Thomas Stone, James Devin, James Stone, Joseph Neely, Nicholas J. Hargrove, J. J. Kirkman, Joseph E. Woods, J. J. Kirkman, Samuel H. Shannon, J. J.

Kirkman, Jesse Moore, James Boswell, J. J. Kirkman, August F. Boswell, Henry Ayers, J. G. Vail, (appointed to fill unexpired term of Ayers), James Ragsdale, J. G. Vail, John Lockhart, Francis W. Hauss, J. G. Vail, W. L. Hargrove, H. P. Chambers, Hugh D. McGary, Monroe Key, Wyatt Gentry, John M. Tribble and G. W. Murphy.

TREASURERS.

James W. Jones, William Prince, William Harrington, James W. Hogue, David T. King, Willis Howe, James Boswell, M. G. C. Hargrove, William Reavis, S. P. Welborn, Logan McCrary, Caleb Trippett, Charles C. Whiting, Emil Sasse, William Simpson, John Sipp, William N. Tichenor, George W. Shull, John A. West and R. F. McConnell.

CLERKS.

Robert M. Evans, John I. Neely, J. R. Montgomery, John Hargrove, Andrew Lewis, S. M. Barton, (resigned), O. M. Welborn (appointed to fill vacancy), Richard M. J. Miller, Dr. W. P. Welborn, James S. Epperson, William H. Coleman and Samuel A. Stewart.

RECORDERS.

Robert M. Evans, John J. Neely, J. R. Montgomery, John Hargrove, John McCoy, T. B. Montgomery (died in office), J. L. Craig (appointed to fill vacancy), James H. Feuttriss, Thomas J. Robb, James M. Keys, Solomon Van Nada, W. R. Steele and T. A. Walters.

Below is given the present official directory of the county:

State Senator	Hon. V. P. Bozeman
Representative	Hon. D. D. Hart
Judge Eleventh Judicial Circuit	Hon. O. M. Welborn
Prosecuting Attorney	Hon. James Kilroy.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Clerk Circuit Court	Samuel A. Stewart
Sheriff	William G. Murphy
Recorder	Thomas A. Walters
Treasurer	Robert F. McConnell
Auditor	S. R. Adams
Coroner	William C. Lawrence
County Superintendent	H. H. Nickamp
Surveyor	Garrett M. Emmerson

Commissioners

First District	Jonathan W. Phillips
Second District ...	Zenas M. Weed, President
Third District	T. H. Emmerson

County Asylum Superintendent	Alfred Williams
Orphans' Home Matron (white)	Elizabeth McIntire
Orphans' Home Matron (colored)	Nancy McRoberts
County Assessor	Charles C. Whiting
County Attorneys	Twineham & Robinson

TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS.

Township.	Name.
Columbia	Thomas M. Harper
Patoka	John K. King
White River	James J. Reese
Washington	John Schult
Montgomery	Marshall M. Williams
Johnson	John TenBarge
Wabash	Charles Haggard
Barton	John W. Gowdy
Center	Landers Beasley

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

Township.	Name.
Columbia	Wm. M. Chappel
Patoka	Wm. VanZandt
White River	C. L. Howard
Washington	Milton McRoberts
Montgomery	George Keniepp
Johnson	R. S. Boyle
Barton	W. S. Minnis
Center	T. M. Maxam
Wabash	W. M. Stewart

In the Indiana constitutional convention of 1816, Gibson County was represented by Alexander Devin, James Smith, Frederick Rapp and David Robb. In the constitutional convention of 1852 Smith Miller was the delegate from this county.

Many grand men and women have lived within the borders of Gibson County. The succeeding pages are devoted to the personal mention of many prominent citizens who have been identified with the progress of the county.

Hon. William M. Land, the Nestor of the Gibson county bar, is one of the most prominent jurists in Southern Indiana, and no history of this section of the state would be complete without a record of his life. He was born in Gibson County, August 28, 1827, a son of Abraham and Sarah Ann (Edwards) Land. His father was born in Chester district, South Carolina, in 1781, and the grandfather, Joseph A. Land, was native of the same state, and of German lineage. He spent his entire life in South Caro-

lina, and served as a colonel in the Colonial army during the war of the revolution.

Abraham Land was a soldier of the war of 1812. He married in Tennessee, and in 1827 came with his wife on horseback to Indiana, locating in Johnson township, Gibson County. Mrs. Land was a daughter of William Edwards, who was born in North Carolina of Welsh parentage, and was also one of the heroes of the war for independence. She was born in Roann County, North Carolina, in 1806, and became the mother of four sons and four daughters, of whom seven are living, although our subject is now the only resident of Indiana. The father was a cooper by trade, but became the pioneer miller of Gibson County, devoting his life to milling, although he made his home on a farm. For many years he served as Justice of the Peace, and had the high regard of all who knew him. His death occurred in 1844, and his wife passed away in 1864.

William M. Land began his education in the primitive log school house of the time and through his boyhood attended the common schools near his home. In January, 1848, at the age of twenty, he enlisted for service in the Mexican war as a member of Company 1, F. ourteenth United States Infantry, continuing with that command until honorably discharged in August, 1848. After his return home he attended school for a time and then engaged in teaching for twelve years. He also followed farming. Being the eldest of eight children he assumed the management of the home farm at his father's death, although only sixteen years of age, and was the mainstay and support of the family until the children reached maturity.

From early life, Mr. Land has been called upon to serve in positions of public trust. From 1853 until 1860 he served successively as township assessor, county commissioner and township trustee, and while acting in the last named office was instrumental in erecting the first frame school houses in the township. Not long after his return from the Mexican war he took up the study of law and in February, 1857, was admitted to the Gibson County bar, of which he is now the oldest living member. In 1864 he removed to Princeton, where he has since engaged in successful law practice. He has a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the science of jurisprudence, and in his argument of a case rests more upon the clear, decisive truth and logic than upon oratorical effects. His devotion to his client's interests is proverbial, and his preparation of a case is thorough and painstaking. Probably as many as nine different members of the bar have studied under him, including his present partner.

Judge Land has served as deputy district attorney, also as city attorney for Princeton. In 1868 he was elected a member of the Board of Education, and during his term the first brick school

house of Princeton was erected. In July, 1872, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term as judge of the common pleas court for the first district of Indiana, composed of Gibson, Vanderburgh, Posey and Warrick Counties. He has served as special judge of the Circuit Court on several different occasions in Gibson, Knox, Pike and Warrick Counties, and has acted as judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court. Few of the cases tried by him have ever been appealed and none have been reversed in the higher courts. Few can boast of a similar record and it is one which plainly indicates his superior ability.

In 1850 Judge Land married Sarah E. J. Harmon, of Posey County, who died in 1888. Of their six children five are living. Judge Land has always been a warm friend of education, has largely promoted the interests of the schools in Gibson County, and has in many ways contributed material aid to public enterprises. In 1868 he became a member of the Odd Fellows Society and is past grand of the order. He voted with the Democracy in early life, and from 1862 until 1884 supported Republican principles, but for the past twelve years he has been a prohibitionist. For thirty years he has been numbered among the ardent advocates of the temperance cause, and since 1857 has been a faithful member of the Baptist church.

Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, whose ability as a lawyer and eloquence as a speaker have won for him an enviable reputation at the Gibson County bar, has maintained his residence in Princeton since 1866. There is no calling which demands the exercise of individual talent more than the legal profession; its members must depend entirely upon their own merit, and he who attains prominence at the bar is the one whose energy, fidelity and knowledge have been the stepping stones on which he has risen. Mr. Buskirk to-day stands in the foremost rank among the leading lawyers of Southern Indiana, and his devotion to his client's interests is proverbial.

He was born in the village of Friendship, Alleganey County, New York, a son of Andrew C. and Diantha (Scott) Buskirk, natives of Steuben County, New York, and New Hampshire respectively. The father was of Holland Dutch descent, and the family name was originally Van Buskirk. The mother was of Scotch and Irish lineage. Andrew Buskirk engaged in merchandising in Friendship and also followed farming. His son, the subject of this review, was reared in the parental home and early began work on the farm. His elementary scholastic training was received in the Friendship Academy, after which he pursued a collegiate course in Alfred, New York. His mother's death occurred when he was seventeen years of age and he soon started out in life for himself. At the age of eighteen he went to Kalamazoo County, Michigan, where he taught school for five

winters and in the meantime studied law at Kalamazoo. His preparation for the bar was completed in the law department of the University of Michigan and in 1865, at the age of twenty-three, he was licensed to practice. The following year he came to Princeton, where he soon rose to prominence in his profession. In 1872 he was elected to represent Gibson County in the general assembly of 1873; in 1874 he was elected attorney general for Indiana, and in 1876 was re-elected serving for four years in that important position. His superior ability and his fidelity to duty won him high commendation, and on his retirement from office he resumed the private practice of law, having now an extensive clientage. He has no superiors and few equals at the bar of Southern Indiana. His love for his profession, his thorough preparation of cases and his logical reasoning, combined with superior oratorical powers make his briefs and arguments most convincing. On the political and lecture platforms he is also an earnest and entertaining speaker, who by his strong appeals to the intellect of his hearers wins their adherence to the cause which he advocates. For about ten years Mr. Buskirk has been largely interested in the cultivation of fruit, and is the pioneer of commercial orcharding in Gibson County.

Mr. Buskirk was married in 1867 to Amelia, daughter of William H. Fisher, of Gibson County, and their home is blessed with three children—Ella, Zelia and Agnes.

Hon. Wodfin D. Robinson is a man of scholarly attainments, whose thorough understanding of the science of law and its application to all points in litigation has won him a foremost position at the bar of Southern Indiana. He was born in De Witt County, Illinois, January 27, 1857, a son of James A. and Louisa (Benson) Robinson. His father, now a resident of Gibson County, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, in 1826, of Scotch-Irish descent, and has made farming his life work. His wife was born in this county, and is now in her sixty-first year. Her father, William Benson, was a native of Kentucky, and was of Irish lineage. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and soon after became one of the pioneers of Gibson County.

Mr. Robinson is one of a family of three sons and five daughters. He was nine years of age when his parents came to Gibson County, locating near Owensville. His early scholastic training was received in the country schools and later he attended the high school of Owensville, where he prepared for admission into the University of Indiana. He matriculated in that school in 1875, and in June, 1879, was graduated. The following year he taught school in Cynthiana, Indiana, and for two years had charge of the Owensville schools, after which he spent a spring and summer term in the Law school of the University of Virginia. In the fall of 1882, he entered the law department of the Univer-

sity of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in March, 1883, and was immediately admitted afterward to the bar in Gibson County. This was followed by his election to the office of county superintendent of schools in this county, and he rendered efficient service to the educational interests during a four years' term. On the expiration of that period he began the practice of law, in which he has been very successful, and in 1889 he entered into partnership with Hon. A. P. Twineham, since which time the firm of Twineham & Robinson has been recognized as one of the strongest in Southern Indiana. In 1884, Mr. Robinson married Miss Jessie, daughter of T. J. Montgomery, M. D., of Owensville. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and in politics has always been a stalwart Republican. In 1894 he was elected on that ticket to represent Gibson County in the General Assembly, and as a legislator made an enviable record. Although only thirty-five years of age he was a recognized leader of the house and served as chairman of the judiciary committee. His power of analysis and clear reasoning which have made him a distinguished jurist, were also manifest in the assembly, and he was known as one of the ablest debators on the floor. Since June, 1885, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the State University. In the fall of 1896 he became the nominee of his party for judge of the Appellate Court of Indiana, and was elected to this important State office, for a term of four years.

Mr. Robinson is the author of a work entitled "Indiana County and Township Officers, Board of Commissioners," which was issued in 1893, and is now being revised by him for a second edition. He has always been a close student, is a man of broad general information, a fluent writer and a ready and entertaining speaker. His career as a lawyer, politician and statesman is enviable and above reproach, and in all probability the future holds in store for him still higher honors.

ELISHA EMBREE was a native of Lincoln County, Kentucky, born September 28, 1801. He was the son of Joshua and Elizabeth Embree. Joshua Embree was a native of Kentucky, and his wife, whose maiden name was Edmondson, was a native of Virginia. Joshua Embree and family came to Gibson County in the month of November, 1811; and settled on a tract of land about two and a half miles southwest of the present site of Princeton. It was a densely timbered district in which the settlement was made, and here was erected a cabin for the shelter of the family, and a small farm was cleared. Joshua Embree was a member of the Baptist church and his wife of the Christian church. He lived only about two years after coming here. His widow subsequently married a Mr. Spencer, and lived in the county until her death, which took place June 24, 1829. On the death of his father, Elisha Embree was obliged to labor hard toward the sup-

port of himself and family. His early educational advantages were limited. What education he did gain was such as the district schools of that early period afforded. He read law with Judge Samuel Hall, and began practicing in Princeton in 1826. He soon arose to prominence and for many years was a leader in public life. He was eminently successful as a lawyer; was an able and eloquent advocate; a wise and practical counselor, and universally respected. In 1833, he was a member of the State Senate, and in 1835 was elected judge of the Circuit Court. He served ten years in this judicial position. In 1847 he was elected to Congress from the First Congressional District, defeating the Hon. Robert Dale Owen, and being the first Whig ever elected in this district.

On the 15th of March, 1827, he was married to Eleanor Robb, the daughter of Major David Robb, the pioneer of the Robb family in Gibson County. Unto the marriage six children were born, viz: Maria Louisa, James T. Ophelia (died in infancy), Ophelia Elizabeth (died in infancy), David F. and Milton P. ~~Embree~~ *Embree*. When the civil war came on Elisha Embree was advanced in old age. He was a strong Union man and aided and encouraged the enlistment of troops, and his three sons entered the army.

JAS. T. EMBREE was one of the most learned and profound lawyers who have ever practiced before the courts of Gibson county. He was a native of the county. His birth occurred at Princeton on the 2nd of January, 1829, and here he died in the year 1867, at the age of thirty-eight years. He was educated at the Asbury University, read law with his father, Elisha Embree, and graduated from the law department of the University of Indiana in 1852, and at once became associated with his father in the practice of his well chosen profession. His predilections led him to the profession in which he rose to prominence and gained him an enviable reputation. He was Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifty-eighth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. In 1852 he married Mary Magdeline Landes, who bore him the following children and passed to her final rest in the year 1863. The children were: Lucius C., Samuel L. and Eleanor.

DAVID F. EMBREE completed his collegiate education at the Asbury University, and studied law under the direction of his brother, James T. Embree. He enlisted in the Forty-second Indiana Regiment of Volunteers and remained in the service three years, arising to the rank of Captain of Company E of the regiment. After the close of his war service he attended the Albany (N. Y.) law school for one year. In 1865 he graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan, and immediately began the practice in partnership with his brother, James T. Embree at Princeton. He arose to distinction in his profession, became a very successful practitioner, and enjoyed the respect and

esteem of a wide acquaintance for many years. His death occurred in 1877. He married Mary Fleming, who bore him the following children: Anna F. and Charles F.

LUCIUS C. EMBREE, son of James T. Embree, deceased, was born in Princeton September 8, 1853. He first attended the public schools of Princeton, then Earlham College, and then completed a one year's course in Asbury University. He took up the study of law under the guidance of his uncle, David F. Embree, in 1873, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. In the fall of the following year, Mr. Embree entered the University of Virginia, and there completed a law course in 1877, and then returned to Princeton, where he has since practiced his profession with gratifying success. He has an excellent knowledge of the law, and possesses ability to clearly and forcibly present his knowledge both with the pen and as a speaker. Mr. Embree has done some literary work, which has been well accepted. In 1880 he married Luella Casey, the daughter of the late William J. Casey, who was once Auditor of Gibson County. The marriage has given issue to four children, viz., James Casey, Morton Casey, Louise and Clotilde. Fraternally, Mr. Embree is a Master Mason, and in politics a staunch Republican.

JOHN R. MCCOY, a well known attorney of Princeton, was born in Spencer County, Indiana, September 15, 1852, and is a son of Clark and Asa (Lockhart) McCoy. His father was also a native of Spencer County, and a son of James McCoy, a native of Ireland. The mother was born in Indiana, and in her family were five sons and one daughter, John R. being the eldest. He spent his early boyhood days on the farm and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturists. During the winter season he attended the district schools, and at the age of seventeen he entered Hartsville College. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, but the following year resumed his studies in Hartsville College, which completed his literary education. For six years he was numbered among the successful teachers of Spencer County, and afterward engaged in teaching for two years in Gibson County, where he located in 1879. In the meantime he took up the study of law, which he diligently pursued and in 1880 was admitted to the bar, but did not begin practice until August of the following year. For nine years he was alone in business, and his thorough understanding of the law, his able advocacy of a trust committed to his care and his devotion to his clients' interests soon won him a large practice. In December, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McCoy and Miss Carrie E. Craig, of Princeton. They have two children—Bessie E. and James Royal. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in his political views Mr. McCoy is a staunch Republican. His careful and pains-

taking preparation of cases, his ability to quickly recognize the strong points of a cause and his clear and logical reasoning have won him marked prestige as a member of the Gibson County bar.

LEWIS J. OSWALD has won a distinguished position among the business men of Princeton and is now the successful and popular manager of the Maule Coal Company. He was born in Gibson County, May 24, 1862, was reared in the county seat, and obtained a practical English education in the public schools of Princeton. He entered upon his business career at the age of fifteen, as a salesman in a general store of Fort Branch, where he remained for seven years, a most faithful and trusted employe. He then returned to Princeton, where he embarked in general merchandising on his own account, conducting his store with profit until 1892, when he sold out. In the meantime, Mr. Oswald turned his attention to other interests. He began dealing in real estate, and was the promoter of various enterprises which have largely advanced commercial activity in this city. He was instrumental in the organization of the Maule Coal Company, and was a prominent factor in placing the enterprise in successful operation. It was through his influence that the company was induced to come to Princeton, and on the 1st of April, 1895, when the plant was completed, a handsome banquet was given in honor of John Maule, the president of the company. Mr. Oswald has since acted as general manager and sales agent, and is fully competent to discharge the responsible duties that devolve upon him. He is a most progressive and wide-awake business man, whose energy brooks no opposition that can be overcome by perseverance, thrift and determined and honorable effort. He is, indeed, an important element in the business activity of his native county, and well deserves honorable mention in this volume. It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family of Mr. Oswald. His father, John Oswald, Sr., was born in Baden, Germany, February 15, 1831, and at the age of seventeen came alone to America. He made his first location in Princeton, and in 1855 was married here to Theresa Allgeyer, who was born in Baden, Germany, June 24, 1832. She came to America with her mother in the spring of 1855, and was married the same year in Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Oswald then accepted a position in the St. Louis Mills of Princeton, where he was employed for many years. When his labors had brought him sufficient capital he engaged in business for himself, establishing a grocery store, which he conducted eighteen years. He was a good business man and highly esteemed for his honesty and his charity. His political support was always given the Democracy. He died November 16, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Oswald had nine children, one of whom died in infancy, while a son, John F., died

at the age of twenty-five. The living children are Lewis J., Albert, a merchant tailor of Dennison, Iowa; Julius A., a jeweler and engraver, of Princeton; Charles F., a salesman for a New York house; Oscar H., proprietor of the Orient Cigar and News Stand, of Princeton; and two daughters, viz: Henrietta, wife of C. C. Kuhn, Ft. Branch, Ind., and Thresia. The sons all grew to manhood and are active in business circles, while their probity, enterprise and thrift have won them high regard.

ROYAL G. HIGGINS, M. D., possessing a typical progressive spirit, stands to-day as a leading representative of the homeopathic fraternity in this section of the state. He was born in Bar Harbor, Hancock County, Maine, September 11, 1867, a son of Royal G. and Mary F. (Snow) Higgins, who were natives of Eden, Maine. At an early day in New England history the first American ancestors, natives of the Emerald Isle, crossed the Atlantic and located at Cape Cod. The descendants are now numerous and are widely scattered over the country. The ancestry of the Snow family is traced back to England, and their first American emigrants also located on Cape Cod during early colonial days. The parents of Dr. Higgins were married at Bar Harbor and had three children, Ella F., Stephen W., deceased, and Royal G. The father was a sea captain and died when his son was only five years of age. The doctor was reared in Bar Harbor, where his mother still resides, and attended its public schools until eighteen years of age. He then spent four years in East Maine Conference Seminary, a Methodist institution, and during the summer months for a period of three years he studied medicine under the direction of a practicing physician of Bar Harbor. In the fall of 1889 he entered Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, and was graduated with honor in the spring of 1892. He also won in a competitive examination for the position of physician in Hahnemann Hospital, where he spent one year. In July, 1893, he came to Princeton, and has since been a leading representative of the medical fraternity here. In February, 1894, Dr. Higgins married Miss Catherine Little, of Philadelphia, and they have one son, Royal G. In politics the doctor is a Republican, but the demands of his profession leave him little time for political work. His skill and ability are attested by the liberal patronage which is accorded him.

JOHN W. BRADY, who has been a member of the Gibson County bar since 1888, was born in Princeton, January 30, 1862, a son of Matthew J. and Laura A. (Bucklin) Brady. The father, a native of Ireland, came to America when a young man, and located in Gibson County, where he married Miss Bucklin, a native of this county, and a daughter of William and Lucy (Carpenter) Bucklin. Her father was a native of New England, and one of the early settlers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew

J. Brady were the parents of six children, two of whom died in early life. The mother's death occurred in 1879. The father has made his home in Petersburg since 1878, where he carries on a photographic studio, being one of the pioneers in this business in the county. John W. Brady spent his boyhood days in Princeton and acquired his literary education in its public schools. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia in 1888. He immediately afterward returned home and entered into partnership with Clarence A. Buskirk, a connection that has since been maintained with mutual pleasure and profit. He is well versed in common law, and his thorough knowledge of the science of jurisprudence has made him a leading member of the Gibson County bar. In his political views Mr. Brady has always been a staunch Republican, but never an active politician. In 1892 he married Miss Effa C. Summers, of Owensville, Indiana, and they have one child, John Summers Brady. Their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality and their circle of friends is extensive.

JOHN W. EWING, a member of the Gibson County bar, and a public-spirited and progressive citizen of Princeton, was born in this county, February 14, 1850. His father, John Ewing, was a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated to America in his boyhood, locating with his parents in Maysville, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. For many years he was a resident of Gibson County, but his last days were spent in Pike County, Indiana, where he died in 1859, at the age of sixty years. Throughout life he followed farming and milling, and was a successful business man. He amassed considerable wealth and at his death owned about twelve hundred acres of land. He was twice married, his second union being with Sarah Brunner, widow of William Key. She has three children by her first marriage and two by the second. She was born in Kentucky, and now in her ninetieth year is living with the subject of this sketch. John W. Ewing was reared on the home farm, and after attending the district schools pursued his studies in the graded schools of Owensville, and later entered the Indiana State University, where he completed the literary course and was graduated in 1872. The following year he was graduated in the law department and in April, 1873, was admitted to the Gibson County bar, after which he began the practice of his profession in Princeton. At different times he has been associated in partnership with D. F. Embree, James E. McCollough, M. W. Fields and J. R. McCoy. Mr. Ewing is interested in several business enterprises, which add to the general prosperity of the community, as well as to promote his individual success. He is now treasurer and manager of the Princeton Water Works Company, and has been deeply interested in all that pertains to the development and progress of

Princeton. In 1882 he was elected the first Mayor after its incorporation as a city, and his two years' administration of the municipal affairs proved of material benefit to the town. For about twelve years he served as a member of the Princeton Board of Education, and has given his staunch support to every enterprise or interest calculated to aid the community.

HON. ARTHUR PERRY TWINEHAM.—Rising above the head of the mass are many men of sterling worth and value, who, by their own unaided efforts, have risen from the ranks of the common place to eminence. Nature richly endowed Mr. Twineham with those brilliant qualities of mind which mark the great lawyer, but sterling worth and honest manliness and a strong, resolute character are the qualities which have enabled him to put the talents which nature gifted him to the best possible use. Mr. Twineham was born in Switzerland County, Indiana, August 16, 1847. His parents, William S. and Sarah Ann (Brant) Twineham, were poor but respectable people. The father was born in Switzerland County, in 1823, and died there at the age of sixty-five. He was a son of Arthur Twineham, whose father, William J. Twineham, was a son of James Twineham, of Scotch-Irish lineage, and a native of Kentucky. The last named engaged in merchandising in Paris, Kentucky, whence in 1802 he removed to Switzerland County, Indiana, where his remaining days were passed. The mother of our subject was born in Mt. Carmel, Indiana, in 1823, and died in Switzerland County about 1890. Her father, a native of Pennsylvania, located here at an early day. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Twineham, celebrated in 1846, was blessed with five children, but three died in infancy. One son, Francis M., is now a leading business man of Moran, Kansas. Arthur P. Twineham was reared in the village of Bennington, and received but limited educational advantages, owing to the financial condition of his father. After studying for a time in the village schools he defrayed the expenses of a year's study in Hartsville College by working Saturdays and in leisure hours. Early in life he developed a fondness for books, and in the school room made rapid progress in his studies. At the age of sixteen he obtained a teacher's certificate and in the winter of 1863-4 taught school in Jefferson County. In July of the latter year, as a member of the Fifth Ohio Cavalry, he joined Sherman's army at Atlanta, just after the fall of that city. He participated in the march to the sea, the Carolina campaign, aided in the capture of Raleigh, and was with his department at Durham, North Carolina, when Johnston surrendered. In July, 1865, he received an honorable discharge. After his return home, Mr. Twineham entered the Hartsville Commercial College, was graduated in 1866, and in the fall of that year entered Wabash College at Crawfordsville, where he remained three years. In 1869 he entered the

University of Indiana, where he was graduated in 1870. He taught school in Greenfield and Rockville for about one year, and in the fall of 1871 entered the law department of the University of Indiana. In June, 1872, he began reading law in the office of Harrington & Korbly, of St. Louis, and in 1873 he came to Princeton, where he began practice. His rise in the profession was very rapid and he has long stood in the front rank among the representatives of the bar in Indiana. For a year after coming to Princeton he was in partnership with Judge Land, and since 1880 has been associated with Hon. W. D. Robinson, under the firm name of Twineham & Robinson. In 1879 Mr. Twineham married Miss Lettie R. Beymer, who died in 1890, leaving a daughter, Gertrude, now fourteen years of age. In 1894 he married Miss Agnes Lockhart, and they have one son, Arthur P. Mr. Twineham is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Knights of Pythias society. He has always been an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and is recognized as one of its leaders in Southern Indiana. His first official service was rendered as city attorney of Princeton, and in 1884 he was elected to represent Gibson County in the State Legislature. From 1874 until 1882 he was chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Gibson County, and was a member of the State Central Committee in 1890, also the First Congressional Committee. In 1888 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention, and in 1892 was the Republican candidate for Congress, but like the others of his party in that year was defeated. In January, 1893, President Harrison appointed Mr. Twineham a member of the commission to the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California, and he served with the commission until in the spring of 1894, when the work of the commission was satisfactorily completed. In political and social circles, in professional and in private life he has won the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

THOMAS DUNCAN, attorney and counselor at law of Princeton, is one of the native sons of Gibson County, of which she has every reason to be proud. He was born in Patoka township, May 5, 1860, a son of James L. and Rebecca M. (Duncan) Duncan. His father was born in Gibson County, June 1, 1827, and now resides near Mackey, Indiana. Throughout life he has followed farming, and is a man of sterling worth. In politics he is a Democrat, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Duncan was born in Rush County, Indiana, September 1, 1837, and by her marriage became the mother of eleven children, of whom four are now deceased. The paternal grandparents were Joshua and Sarah (Logan) Duncan. When very young the grandfather served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and as a life work he followed agricultural pursuits. On the home



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farm Thomas Duncan was reared to manhood. His elementary education obtained in the district schools was supplemented by a course of study in Fort Branch in the winter of 1876. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, and for four years devoted his time to that profession and farming. He then entered the Central Normal College of Danville, Indiana, and after two years and a half spent in earnest study completed the scientific and classical courses. In 1884 he had the honor of addressing the alumni of that institution. After his graduation he taught for three years in Francisco, and as an educator won high rank. In the meantime, he took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in February, 1889, and has since engaged in practice. He has a comprehensive understanding of the science of jurisprudence, is a close reasoner, a gifted speaker and logical in argument. He has, therefore, secured a large and representative clientage. Mr. Duncan was married in 1884 to Lida M. Wise, of Frankfort, Indiana. They have four children—Leila, Prentiss, Denver and Ruth. Mr. Duncan is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democracy of Gibson County, and served as chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee from 1892 until 1894. In 1892 he was presidential elector for the First Congressional District, and received the nomination of his party for representative in Congress at the convention held in Evansville on the 27th of August, 1896, and for this office made a most creditable race, however he was defeated by a small majority. His entire life has been spent in Gibson County, where by his own merit he has risen to a prominent position among his fellow townsmen. He is the peer of any member of the Gibson County bar, and should he have been elected to Congress the district would have found the same loyal representative of its interests in the council chambers of the nation.

CAPTAIN JAMES S. EPPERSON is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Gibson County, and his identification with its interests has been long and honorable. For more than half a century he has witnessed its progress and development, and in the advancement of its commercial interests has borne an active part. His name is, therefore, indissolubly linked with the history of this community and this work would be incomplete without the record of his life. Captain Epperson was born in Warren County, Kentucky, February 4, 1830, and was of Irish lineage, his ancestors emigrating from the Emerald Isle and locating in Westmoreland County, Virginia, where Charles Epperson, the father of our subject was born in 1772. He became one of the early settlers of Warren County, Kentucky, and in 1839 took up his residence in Johnson township, Gibson County, Indiana. There he died in 1844. He was a wheelwright and followed that business for many years, but his last years were devoted to farm-

ing. He was twice married, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth Redman, daughter of James Smith. They had two children, David L. and James S. Captain Epperson was educated in the subscription schools and afterward engaged in teaching in the winter, while in the summer months he followed farming. At the age of twenty-three he was married and began farming three miles east of Cynthiana, but his work was interrupted in August, 1862, by his enlistment in defense of the Union. He went to the front as First Lieutenant of Company F, Eightieth Indiana Infantry, and was commissioned adjutant of the regiment just before the battle of Resaca. During the engagement the captain of the company was killed and Mr. Epperson was promoted to the position, being mustered in as such after the fall of Atlanta. The Eightieth Regiment returned with General Schofield to Nashville, and aided in the abolishment of Hood's army. The command was then transferred to the east, and after participating in the capture of Wilmington, North Carolina, joined Sherman's army at Goldsboro, and encamped at Salisbury until June 22, 1865, when Company F was mustered out. Captain Epperson at once returned home and was engaged in the grain business and in merchandising in Fort Branch until October, 1878, when he was elected Circuit Clerk of the county. After a four years' term he was re-elected in 1882, acceptably filling that position until 1886, when he retired to private life. He is now engaged in the hardware and implement business as the senior member of the firm of Epperson & Herriot. In 1853 Captain Epperson married Caroline Boren, who died in 1861, leaving a daughter, Alice, who became the wife of Robert Herriot, and died on January 17, 1891. On the 19th of February, 1865, the Captain married a second time, wedding Esther E. Muck, who died in 1873, leaving the following children: Etta, wife of Edgar Shoptaugh; and Clarence. On the 20th of November, 1879, Mrs. Ellen Skinner became the wife of Captain Epperson. He is one of the leading Republicans of Gibson County, is an active member of the Grand Army, and a trustee in the Presbyterian Church. He was a brave and loyal soldier, ever found at his post of duty and is a reliable, conscientious business man, whose straightforward career commands the respect of all.

JUDGE O. M. WELBORN.—This gentleman is one of the most conspicuous figures in the public life of Gibson County. For twenty-four years he has occupied the bench of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh District, and stands to-day as one of the ablest representatives of the bench and bar of Southern Indiana. He was born in Gibson County, December 7, 1841, and through many summers during his youth he piled brush and hoed corn—a barefoot boy on his father's farm near Owensville. He was educated in the Princeton and Owensville academies, and at the

age of twenty began reading law under the direction of Hon. A. C. Donald, an eminent lawyer of Gibson County. He further continued his studies in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1863. Returning to Princeton, Judge Welborn opened an office and at the age of twenty-two was appointed deputy clerk, filling that position for one year. No dreadly novitiate awaited him, for within a short period after his admission to the bar he had gained a reputation as an able, industrious and earnest lawyer, and in a few years was considered the equal of any attorney in the eleventh circuit. Ten years were given to general practice and proved an excellent training for his judicial duties, which he assumed in accordance with the appointment of Governor Hendricks, whereby he was raised to the Circuit Court bench, with jurisdiction over the counties of Gibson, Pike and DuBois. The circuit now includes Gibson and Posey Counties. In October, 1873, he was elected to the same office without opposition. He has been four times re-elected, and at the conclusion of the present term will have served a little over thirty years. He has a keen, analytical mind, and a strong mental grasp, which enables him to note every detail and at the same time master a case in its entirety. His decisions are models of judicial soundness, clear, incisive, and the logical sequence of the facts presented and the law applicable to them. Judge Welborn was married in May, 1867, to Miss Mary, daughter of Sylvester Ierauld. She died in 1877, leaving two daughters—Cornelia, wife of Dr. F. B. Dresslar, Los Angeles, Cal., and Kate. In horticultural pursuits Judge Welborn finds a source of recreation and pleasure and his garden and orchard are a favorite resort to him, producing many fine varieties of peaches, pears and quinces. He is a man of scholarly attainments, ranking equally high in professional and social circles and it is safe to say that no man in Gibson County is more highly respected than Judge Welborn.

HENRY A. YEAGER was born in Gibson County, November 23, 1843, and since attaining his majority has been prominently connected with public affairs in this section of the state. His thorough American spirit and his great energy have enabled him to mount from a lowly position to one of affluence, and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one and the opportunities with which the time surrounds him. The Yeager family, of which our subject is a representative, is of German origin. Joel Yeager was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, where he married Anna McDonald, also a native of that state and of Scotch-Irish descent. They had one daughter and three sons who reached maturity, namely: Moses, Mary, Absalom and George. The last named died recently in Gibson County, after a long residence here. The father of this

family located near Danville, Kentucky, at an early day, and in 1827 removed to Posey County, Indiana, near the Gibson County line. Throughout life he followed farming, and was a man of sterling qualities. In politics he was a Democrat. He died at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife at the age of eighty years. Of their children, Mary and Absalom are now living. The sons all married and located in Gibson County. Absalom Yeager was born near Danville, Kentucky, in 1819, and was married in November, 1842, to Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Bennett Williams. She was born in Posey County, Indiana, in 1822, and is yet living. The children of this marriage are Henry A., Newton, James M., Mary A., who died April 11, 1896; Andrew J., William C. and Emma F. In November, 1892, the parents celebrated their golden wedding. The father has always been an agriculturalist, and he and his esteemed wife still live on the farm in Johnson township, where they located soon after their marriage. They and their children hold membership in the Baptist Church, and the family is one of the most highly respected in Gibson County. Henry A. Yeager attended the district schools during his youth, and at the age of nineteen entered the high school of Owensville, pursuing a two years' course there. He afterward continued his education in Cynthiana, Posey County, and supplied the means for his education by teaching in country schools in the meantime. In September, 1868, he matriculated in the State University of Bloomington, pursuing a law and literary course for three years. From 1870 until June, 1876, he was superintendent of the schools of Fort Branch, and won a place among the ablest educators in this part of the state. In 1872 he married Carrie Staser, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, daughter of John C. Staser. She died in April, 1878, leaving three children—Lester L., Maggie L. and Wilber A. In 1881 Mr. Yeager wedded Mary Howe, daughter of Sanford and Ann Howe, of Gibson County. On the 18th of August, 1875, Mr. Yeager removed from Fort Branch to Princeton, and in November of that year was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been actively engaged in practice. In June, 1881, he was elected county superintendent of schools for a two years' term, and in 1883 was re-elected. He has agricultural and horticultural interests, but gives the greater part of his time to his law practice, which is large and lucrative. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, and he has attained at the bar of Southern Indiana a conspicuous and honorable place. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and politically is a Democrat.

A. R. BURTON, M. D., a skilled physician, who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Princeton, was born in Gibson County, April 26, 1858. His father, Basil Burton, was born near Winchester, Va., and emigrated to this county in 1842.

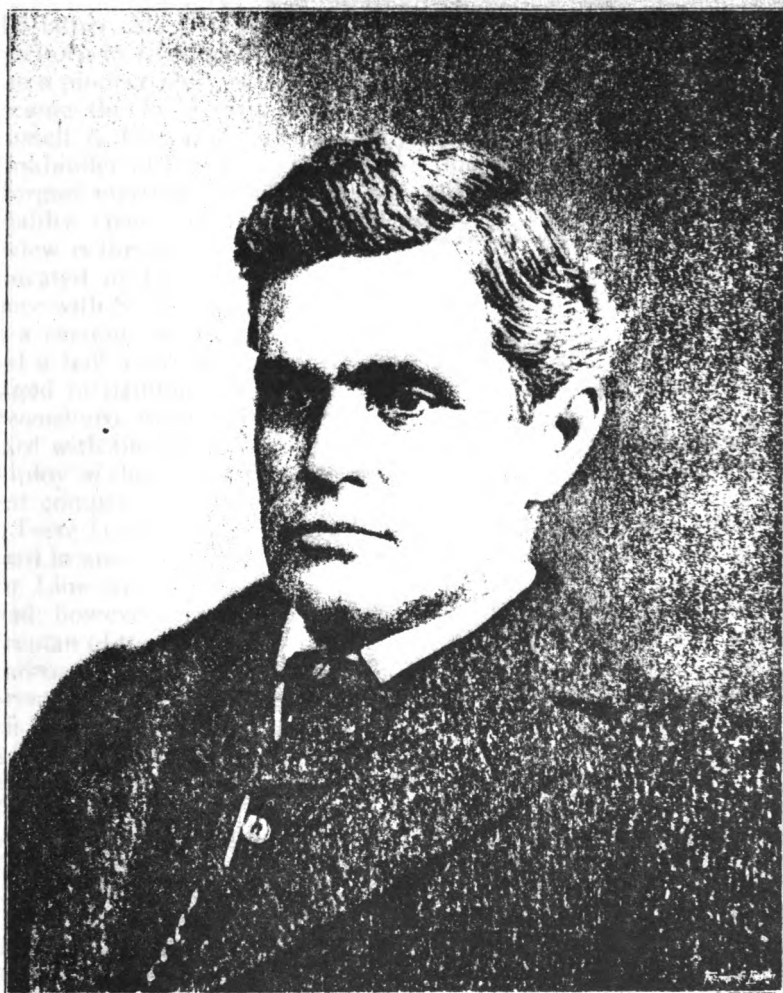
making the journey on foot in company with his brother, Levi. He located near Somerville, and afterward married Lucinda Killpatrick, whose father, Thomas Killpatrick, was of Irish lineage. They became parents of four children. The Doctor is the youngest of the family, and was reared on the farm near Francisco until 1879, when at the age of twenty-one he came to Princeton and began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. V. T. West. He was graduated from the Medical College of Ohio on the 4th of March, 1882, when twenty-three years of age, and at once opened an office in Princeton. His business has steadily increased and he is now enjoying a large and lucrative practice. In 1885 he was appointed a member of the United States Pension Board for Gibson County, and was its treasurer for four years. In May, 1882, he became a member of the Gibson County Medical Society, and has been its secretary since 1886. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. He has served ten years as secretary of the Democratic Central Committee of Gibson County, and usually takes an active part in political affairs. On the 10th of August, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Burton and Maggie Fentriss, whose father, J. H. Fentriss, deceased, was a pioneer of Princeton, and served as County Recorder of Gibson County. They have a little daughter, Blanche, born in December, 1891. Dr. Burton is a man of sterling worth, of marked ability in his profession, and his high standing in the medical fraternity is shown not only by his liberal patronage, but also by his official preferment in the medical society, which attests the esteem in which he is held by his professional brethren.

HION. JAMES B. GAMBLE is one of the honored and leading citizens of Princeton, a prominent representative of the bar, an important factor in political circles, and a gentleman whose true worth has gained him the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. The true western spirit of progress and enterprise finds an exponent in him and his active efforts in behalf of his adopted city have materially advanced its interests. Mr. Gamble was born in Carni, White County, Illinois, December 19, 1853. His father, Robert Gamble, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and was of French descent. At the age of thirty-five he moved to White County, Illinois, where he met and married Nancy Crowder, a native of that state. Of their five sons and one daughter, who comprised their family, only our subject is living. His mother died during his infancy, and his father afterward married Ruth Brashier, who surrounded him with all the loving care and attention of an own mother. His father joined the army in 1861 as a private of the Eight-seventh Illinois Infantry, and died in St. Louis in the early spring of 1862. James B. Gamble remained with his stepmother until fourteen years of age, since which time

he has depended upon his own exertions. He worked on a farm in White County until 1870, after which he spent one winter in Kentucky, and in 1871 came to Gibson County, Indiana. Here he attended school in Francisco, and later completed a high school course in Fort Branch. He then taught school for five years with excellent success, and in the meantime took up the study of law. In March, 1877, he entered the law office of Judge W. M. Land, and in August of that year was admitted to the bar. In 1882 he formed a partnership with Judge Land, and the connection has since been maintained. He occupies an enviable position at the bar, and has a large and distinctly representative clientele. As counsel he is reliable and conscientious, and as an advocate is earnest and forceful, his arguments being logical and founded on the best authority. In 1888 he was elected Mayor of Princeton, filling the office for two years, and in 1894 he was again elected for a four years' term. He is very progressive and his administration of municipal affairs has marked an era of advancement and improvement in Princeton. In politics he has always been a stalwart Republican, and was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Major McKinley for the Presidency. Socially he belongs to the Masonic and Knights of Pythias fraternities. Mr. Gamble married Oma J., the only daughter of Judge W. M. Land. Their home has been blessed with two sons—Vesper Land and John Harmon.

LEWIS KOLB was born in Princeton some fifty years ago, and for many years was one of the prominent citizens of the place. He was a son of Ludwig Kolb, the pioneer of the family in Gibson County. This pioneer came to Princeton in an early day, and was proprietor of one of the early taverns of the town. He died in Princeton, aged about sixty-five years. He was a native of Germany, and the father of the following children: Lewis, Jacob, John, Sophie, Caroline and Elizabeth. His son Lewis, the immediate subject of this review, was for many years a successful business man, and at the time of his recent death left a valuable estate. His wife, Mary A., was a daughter of Robert Nightingale, of English nativity. She bore him the following children: O. M., present postmaster of Princeton; Christine, wife of W. A. Proome, of Columbia, Tenn.; Robert F., Effie M., Mamie O., Lewis E. and Lucy O. J. A.)

O. M. KOLB was born in Princeton, Indiana, April 2, 1866. Mention of his father, Lewis Kolb, is made elsewhere in this volume. To the public schools of Princeton, Mr. Kolb is indebted for his educational privileges. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's grocery store, the management of which he assumed upon the death of his father. He was appointed postmaster of Princeton by President Cleveland, on the 7th of October, 1893, and is the present incumbent of that office.



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Mr. Kolb was united in marriage October 29, 1889, to Miss Harriet E. Carter. The issue of the marriage consists of two interesting children, namely: Carter M. and Raymond L.

JAMES A. MORGAN, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Princeton, was born in Rockport, Ind., December 5, 1854. His father, M. J. Morgan, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, was born in 1811, and in early life was a river trader. His father was a pioneer merchant of Cincinnati, Ohio, and one of his sons became the head of the large lithographing firm of Morgan, Russell & Co., of Cincinnati. Ephraim Morgan was the first bookbinder of that place and one of the leading citizens. M. J. Morgan married Elizabeth R. Ray, daughter of James Ray, a wealthy farmer of Lewisport, Kentucky. The subject of this review is the second of their three children. He was reared and educated in Rockport, and began learning the painter's trade there with S. W. Stocking. Later he was employed for one year in a carriage factory in Henderson, Kentucky, and spent three and a half years in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was engaged in painting street cars and carriages. He then went to Owensboro, Kentucky, where he spent several months, was afterward with the Columbus Buggy Company, and later entered the employ of the Studebakers of South Bend, Indiana. On leaving that company he was employed at Evansville by the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, then in the St. Louis Car Works, afterward in another place or so, and finally entered the employ of the Air Line Railroad at Huntingburg. His service with that railroad, however, was not continuous, for during a period he was foreman of the paint department of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad. In 1895 he came to Princeton, and has since been foreman of the painting department of the Air Line Road at this place. He is one of the most competent men in his line in the state, and has so closely studied the trade that he has become thoroughly proficient. He has evolved a most perfect method of mixing colors and has recently prepared a very valuable and interesting article on this subject. Since attaining his majority, Mr. Morgan has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. He is a valued member of the Odd Fellows' Society, and has served as representative to the grand lodge. He was married in Rockport, October 13, 1883, to Sarah, daughter of Logan Williamson, and they have two children.

PHILIP L. DRESCHER.—Among the faithful and energetic employes of the Air Line Railroad is this gentleman, who is serving as foreman of the machine shop. He was born in New York City, July 24, 1863. The following year his father, Dr. Drescher, removed with his family to Covington, Kentucky, where he engaged in the practice of medicine. He was a native

of Germany, a graduate of a medical college of that land, and also held a diploma from a Cincinnati school of medicine. He served for a required term in the German army, and was surgeon of a New York regiment during a part of the civil war. He married Wilhelmina Wollenberger, a native of Schweinfurth, Germany, and they became parents of two children—Minnie, wife of George P. Woods, of Covington, Kentucky; and Philip L. The latter learned the machinist's trade in Cincinnati, entering upon an apprenticeship at the age of fourteen. He was employed in that city until 1884, when he went to Evansville, Indiana, and secured a position in the Novelty Machine Works, where he continued some time. In 1888 he came to the Air Line Company, and was employed as a machinist until 1891, when he was promoted to the position of foreman of the shop. He is fully competent to perform the duties which devolve upon him, and is one of the most trusted employes of the works. On the 30th of August, 1886, Mr. Drescher married Miss Mary E. Van Mess, who died February 8, 1893, leaving two sons—Adolph and Philip. On the 1st of September, 1893, he was again married, his present wife, by whom he has one son, Clifford. In politics Mr. Drescher is a staunch Republican, and is now acceptably serving in the City Council, to which position he was elected in May, 1896.

ERNEST E. NOBLE, of Princeton, was born in Centralia, Illinois, January 9, 1864. His father, E. T. Noble, an ative of Newark, Ohio, was born in 1836. He learned the trade of a machinist in Zanesville, and with the exception of fifteen years spent in the hotel and livery business in Centralia and Mt. Vernon, Illinois, always followed his trade. He married Eliza Wilson, who died in 1882, at the age of fifty-one years. Of their ten children the following named are living: C. M., a boiler maker of Terre Haute, Indiana; E. E.; Mrs. George F. Alderman, of Goshen, Indiana; E. B., of Princeton, who is connected with the Air Line Railroad Company; and Hattie, of Goshen. Ernest E. Noble spent his youth in Terre Haute, and acquired his education in its public schools. He learned the tinsmith's trade in the service of the Vandalia Railroad Company, with which he remained for eight years. In September, 1890, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad as foreman of their copper and tin department at Danville, and on the 1st of March, 1873, accepted a similar position with the Air Line Railroad. Mr. Noble was married in Vigo County, Indiana, June 19, 1884, to Mary E. Lightfoot, daughter of Professor F. W. Lightfoot, an accomplished instructor of vocal and instrumental music. They have three children—Clyde, Roy and Evadine. Mr. Noble is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the Presbyterian Church. He is an active and valued worker in both lodge and church, and his fine tenor voice makes him a valued addition to the church choir. As a business man he is

thoroughly reliable, having the confidence of the company and the respect of those who serve under him and in social circles he has many friends

SAMUEL H. ARCHER, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising, was born in Patoka township, Gibson County, October 14, 1833, a son of John and Catherine (McMullen) Archer. His father was born in the same township, June 26, 1804, and the mother was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1803. The great-grandfather was one of the valiant soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and his last days were spent in Gibson County, where he located in 1806. Thomas Archer, the grandfather, was born in Chester County, South Carolina, came with the family to Indiana, in 1806, and served under General Harrison in the war against the Indians in this state. John Archer was reared on the frontier and received but meager educational privileges. At the age of twenty-two he was married and began life on a farm of eighty acres, which he had purchased. Subsequently he spent ten years in Princeton, working at the gunsmith's trade, which he had learned in his youth, but afterward returned to the farm, which he continued to cultivate until his death. He at one time owned and cleared what is now the southern portion of Princeton, and was a leading agriculturist of the community. He was reared in the United Presbyterian Church, of which his father was an elder, and one of the organizers. At the formation of that church a strong protest was made against slavery, in which Thomas Archer heartily concurred, for it was that evil which was the main cause of his removal to the north. He also hired the first contraband that came to Gibson County, thus showing his willingness to aid the persecuted people. John and Catherine Archer became the parents of eight children—William, who lost his life in the battle of Resaca during the civil war; Georgiana; James W., deceased; Samuel H., Sarah M., Rebecca A., Mary J., Margaret and Theodore, all deceased. Samuel H. Archer received only the educational privileges afforded by the common schools. He assisted in the cultivation of the home farm until twenty-two years of age, and then began farming on rented land in partnership with his brother. After two years he returned and took charge of the home farm, which he cultivated for fourteen years. He then married Ophelia Robb, daughter of David Robb, Jr., and to them have been born six children, namely: Luella, John and William, deceased; David F., Mary and Sarah. With the exception of three years spent in Princeton, Mr. Archer has remained on the farm since his marriage, earnestly and energetically devoting his time and attention to the further development of his land and the improvement of his property, until now the well tilled fields and substantial buildings plainly indicate the thrift and enterprise of the owner. His residence was erected in 1879. In connection with general farming he carries on stock-

raising, and has been an active worker in the agricultural society of Gibson County, whereby he has materially aided in promoting the interests of the farming class. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. He belongs to one of the oldest families of the county, and is himself an honored pioneer, whose identification with the interests of this locality has been long and honorable.

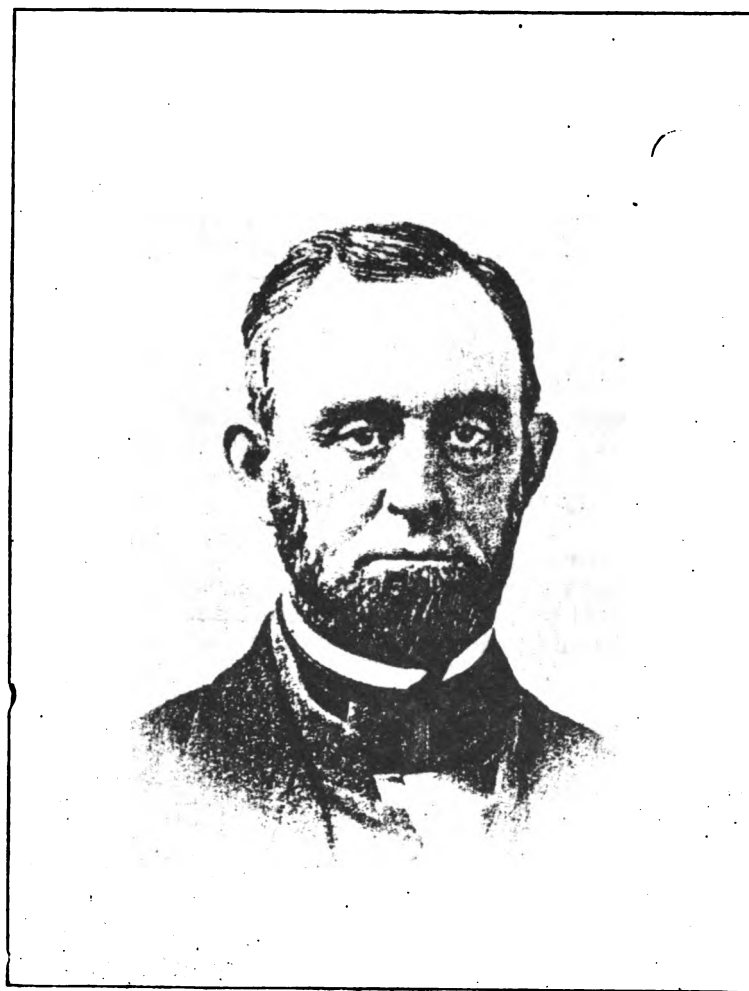
ROBERT MITCHELL.—Scotland, the land of hills and heather, has furnished to America many worthy citizens, whose sturdy energy and reliability have made them a valued addition to this country. Of this class Mr. Mitchell is a representative. He was born in Strathern, Scotland, September 8, 1831, and ten days later was taken to the kirk, where he was christened by the sturdy old Scotch name of Robert. His father, James Mitchell, was born at the same place, while the birth of his mother, Janet (Martin) Mitchell, occurred on an adjacent farm. The parents were educated in the common schools, and the friendship of their childhood ripened into love. They were married and six children came to bless the union, namely: John and Jeanetta, both now deceased; James, Catherine, Robert and Mary. The parents began their domestic life upon a rented farm and James Mitchell successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until his death. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and a man of sterling worth and integrity. Robert Mitchell acquired his education in the common schools and at the age of nineteen bade adieu to his native land, preparatory to seeking a home in America. He crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel in 1850, and made his way to the home of an uncle living in Gibson County, where he soon began work as a farm hand at fifty cents per day and was thus employed for two years. He then married Margaret Duncan, and immediately afterward located on the farm, where he has since resided, while to the home have come six children, four of whom are yet living, namely: James M., Lydia E., John R. and Jennie C. The two who have passed away are Catherine M. and Jennie, and after the death of the latter the youngest child was given that name. Mr. Mitchell rented a farm for two years, and afterward purchased a tract of land, to which he has since added until he now owns a valuable property of three hundred and twenty acres. This is under a high state of cultivation and the place is improved with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century. He is one of the most progressive agriculturists in Southern Indiana, has done much to advance the interests of farmers in this section of the state, has for many years been an officer in the Gibson County Agricultural Society, and for twenty-one years has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He is also a prominent stock dealer, engaged in the breeding of fine hogs, horses and sheep. In his political views Mr. Mitchell

has always been a stalwart Republican and warmly advocates the principles of his party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in all that pertains to the county's welfare and advancement he takes a deep interest. His prominence is indicated by the fact that in 1893 he was appointed by Governor Hovey one of the Indiana commissioners at the World's Columbian Exposition, and was one of the judges on cereals for sixteen weeks. Robert Mitchell is one of Gibson County's leading citizens, and this work would be incomplete without the record of his life.

DR. ANDREW LEWIS.—By permission the following biography is taken from "Hight's History of the Fifty-eighth Indiana Regiment," compiled and published by G. R. Stormont: "Dr. Andrew Lewis, under whose direction the Fifty-eighth Indiana was recruited and organized, was born April 10th, 1813, in Lewisburg, New York County, Pennsylvania, and died in Princeton, Indiana, March 10th, 1877. He was the fifth son of Dr. Webster Lewis, a physician of great eminence in that state. After completing a common school education the subject of this sketch turned his attention to the study of medicine. In 1839 he left Lewisburg, intending to settle in Iowa, but, getting out of funds, stopped in Gibson County, Indiana, to recruit his finances. Here he engaged in manual labor on the Wabash and Erie canal, then in the course of construction. Afterwards he resumed the study of medicine, with his brother, in Boonville, Indiana, and in January, 1841, began his first practice in Winslow, Indiana. In April, 1843, he removed to Princeton, Indiana, where he continued the practice of his profession until 1850. At this time he became a candidate of the Whig party for County Clerk and was successful. In 1855 he was re-elected and served to the end of his term. Dr. Lewis was a man of great energy and enterprise, and devoted his time and means very largely to the promotion of the public and private interests of the town and community in which he lived. He took an active part in the incipient steps that brought into existence the first railroad through this town—now the Evansville & Terre Haute. It was mainly through his efforts that the main line of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railroad was located through the county of Gibson and town of Princeton. He was interested in the construction of the road and it was largely through his energy that this railroad enterprise was sustained until the appointment. "Governor Morton subsequently appointed through its primitive struggles, and was kept in condition for others to push to ultimate completion. Unfortunately, this enterprise did not prove profitable to Dr. Lewis. His large fortune, which he had amassed in other enterprises, was shattered in this. He was left largely involved, and was never able to recover the loss. But it is more within the province of this sketch to speak of the loyalty and patriotism of Dr. Lewis. As has already been

intimated, he was in thorough sympathy with the war for the suppression of the rebellion. It was through his suggestion and influence that the order was secured from Governor Morton to organize the Fifty-eighth Indiana Regiment at Princeton. He was appointed to recruit the regiment and at once began the work. A camp was established in the Gibson County fair grounds in the latter part of September, and several companies were entered as a nucleus for the regiment. Within four weeks the organization was complete. Dr. Lewis was appointed Colonel, but his business was such that he could not go to the field, and he had to deem himself commandant of the First Congressional District, and as such he recruited three other regiments, namely, the Sixty-fifth, Eightieth and Ninety-first Indiana Regiments. The service of no one in the state was more highly prized by Governor Morton than was that of Dr. Lewis. He devoted his best energies to the cause of his country at a time when it was in a struggle for its existence. His contribution to this cause was not alone in labor, but also in money, clothing and food for soldiers' families. He was known at home and abroad as the friend of the soldier and the soldier's family." Dr. Lewis married Elizabeth A., daughter of James Evans. The Evans family came from Virginia, and from an early day in the history of Southern Indiana this family has been among the most prominent of the section. Unto the marriage of Dr. Lewis the following children were born: James W., Melissa J., Rankin E., Andrew E. and William H. All of the children were born and reared in Gibson County.

JAMES W. LEWIS is the efficient claim agent of the Air Line Railroad, and a genial, popular man, who makes friends of all he meets. A native son of Gibson County, he was born December 22, 1846. He is the oldest son of Dr. Andrew Lewis, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He completed his education in an academy at Fergusonville, and leaving the school room became one of the soldier boys of the war, joining Company C of what was known as the "Fighting Fifty-eighth" Indiana Regiment. Mr. Lewis participated in all the engagements of the regiment, and was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Kentucky, August 2, 1865. Upon his return home at the close of the war Mr. Lewis joined his father, who was then extensively engaged in the grain and pork business at Princeton, and in this connection continued up to the death of his father, which occurred in 1877. For several years he was employed as deputy in some county office, and in 1892 accepted the position which he now holds. In this position he has proven a capable and faithful employe, most acceptably discharging the duties of his office. Mr. Lewis was married November 4, 1869, to Anna L., daughter of Newton and Rachel (Scantlin) Johnson. In politics he is a stalwart Republican. For six years he served as marshal of Prince-



DR. ANDREW LEWIS.

ton. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the circle of his friends is limited only by the number of his acquaintances.

WILLIAM H. LEWIS, son of Dr. Andrew Lewis, was born and reared in Gibson County. His birth occurred February 22, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of Princeton. For nine years he clerked in the mercantile establishment of W. D. Downey. In 1886, W. H. Dimick, Charles Heberd and Mr. Lewis entered into a co-partnership, under the firm name of Dimick, Heberd & Lewis, and began a general merchandise business in Princeton. In 1887, Mr. Lewis' brother, Andrew E., who had been, for eighteen years, an assistant cashier in the People's Bank, purchased the interest of Mr. Heberd. In 1894 the Lewis brothers purchased Mr. Dimick's interest, and since the Lewis Bros. have been the proprietors of a well-stocked, handsome and large dry goods store. William H. Lewis was married in 1882 to Miss Olive Grigsby. The marriage has been blessed by the birth of a son, whose name is William Evans Lewis. Mr. Lewis and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a staunch Republican and fraternally a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, having filled all the chairs of the order and represented his lodge in the grand lodge of Indiana.

ROBERT FREMONT WARNOCK is one of the extensive land owners of Gibson County, and a man whose prominent connection with the agricultural and industrial interests of this locality has made him a valued factor in the community. He is a western man by birth, training and interests, and possesses the true western spirit of progress and enterprise. Gibson County numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Patoka township on the 9th of August, 1861. In the home of his parents, Archibald and Malinda J. (Milburn) Warnock, he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, assisting in the labors of the fields through the summer, while in the winter he pursued his education in the common schools. On attaining his majority, Mr. Warnock began farming on his own account on a tract of land of seventy-six acres, which he had received as his share of the old homestead. His work has been diligently prosecuted and his labors have brought to him prosperity, so that he has been enabled to extend the boundaries of his farm, until it now comprises three hundred and fifty acres of rich land, all under a high state of cultivation. He is also interested in the coal business, and is now engaged in the manufacture of brick. His resourceful ability enables him to extend his field of operation beyond one line of business, and thus while adding to his own prosperity he is also promoting the material welfare of the community. On the 11th of October, 1887, Mr. Warnock was united in marriage to Ada M. Wilson, daughter of William and Maria Wilson, of Allegheny County, Pennsylv-

vania. A little son, Archibald W., has come to bless their home. Mr. and Mrs. Warnock hold membership in the United Presbyterian Church, and their standing in social circles is enviable. Since attaining his majority he has been an adherent of the Republican party, and strongly supports the platform on which the recent Republican victory was achieved. With the exception of a few months spent in California, he has always made his home in Gibson County, on the farm where he now resides, and is most widely and favorably known. He is still a young man, and the future undoubtedly holds in store for him still greater successes than he has hitherto achieved.

DAVID D. HART.—Among the enterprising farmers of Gibson County there is probably none more energetic or thorough-going than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Warrick County, August 10, 1836. His father, John Hart, was born in Perry County, Kentucky, October 1, 1800, and at the age of twenty-four was united in marriage with Mary Boyd, who was born in Spencer County, Indiana, 1801. Of their union ten children were born, namely: Mary A., Lurn, Maria and Louis, all deceased; David D., of this sketch; Millie L., deceased; Elijah K.; Elizabeth; and two who died in infancy. The father was a resident of Hart township, Warrick County, where he entered eighty acres of land from the government and as his circumstances permitted added to it until at the time of his death he had two hundred and fifty acres of good land. There he departed this life February 14, 1868, and his wife died in December, 1885. In politics he was a life-long Democrat. On the completion of his common school education David D. Hart gave his entire time and attention to assisting his father in the labors of the home farm, where he remained until twenty-eight years of age, at which time he was married. On the 14th of September, 1864, was celebrated his marriage with Elizabeth S. Embree, deceased. Two children were born to them—Mary E., deceased, and John T. Mr. Hart was again married September 22, 1873, his second union being with Elizabeth Wood, by whom he had four children—Elsie, deceased; Arthur, Eva P. and Fonia. It was in 1864 that Mr. Hart came from Warrick County to Gibson County, and purchased an interest in the Embree farm of forty-five acres, where he still makes his home. At the present time, however, he is the owner of one hundred and seventy acres of valuable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. In addition to general farming he is also interested in stock-raising. Until 1888 he was a staunch Democrat in politics, but since that time has given his support to the People's party, and recently became a candidate for State Representative on that ticket from Gibson County and was successful. He

is one of the prominent and influential men of the county, public-spirited and progressive, and enjoys the confidence and regard of many friends. His first wife was a member of the General Baptist Church, while the present Mrs. Hart is a Cumberland Presbyterian in religious belief.

JOSEPH P. McCLURE, who is now spending the evening of life in retirement, enjoying a well earned rest, is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Gibson County, his birth occurring on the farm, which is still his home, October 6, 1815. His father, James McClure, was born in Maryland, October 6, 1785, received a very limited education, and at the age of twelve years accompanied his ^{mother & father} parents to Kentucky, where he served an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade, which he followed throughout his active business career. In 1805 he came to Indiana, locating in Gibson County, near Princeton, and served under General Harrison in the battle of Tippecanoe. In 1838 he laid aside business cares, living retired until his death, which occurred February 7, 1855. On the 12th of June, 1808, he led to the marriage altar Malinda A. Warrick, a native of Kentucky, who died January 12, 1850, and they became the parents of eleven children—Albert, Edwin and James, all deceased; Joseph P.; William M.; Henry; David, deceased; Robert; and George W., John W. and Ellen J., deceased. In the primitive pioneer schools our subject acquired his education, and was reared amid the scenes of frontier life. At the age of nineteen he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Ann, daughter of Rev. Alexander and Susan (Nowlin) Devin, and to them were born twelve children, namely: Eleanor J.; Mary B.; Alexander D.; Susan J., deceased; Margaret C.; Joseph D.; Robert M.; William M.; George W.; Nancy V.; Franklin P. and James. Five of the sons donned the blue and aided in the defense of their country during the dark days of the Rebellion. Upon his marriage, Mr. McClure was given eighty acres, and in the following fall purchased another eighty acre tract, on which he remained, and at once began the cultivation and improvement of his land. He added to his income by running on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers during the winter season for some ten years, and so successful has he been in his life work that he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable land, and is able to spend his remaining days in ease and retirement, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. His estimable wife was called to her final rest November 27, 1888. He holds membership in the General Baptist Church, and politically supports the men and measures of the Democratic party.

MONROE KEY.—Among those whose devotion to the duties of public and private life have made them valued citizens of Gibson County is numbered Mr. Key, a prosperous and popular farmer

of Patoka township. On southern battlefields he demonstrated his loyalty to the Union, and in the more quiet walks of business life he has displayed those sterling qualities of integrity and straightforwardness which everywhere command respect. Mr. Key is a native of Gibson County, born September 4, 1841. His father, John L. Key, removed from Scottsville, Kentucky, to this county in 1808 and followed farming and merchandising. Leasing his farm for ninety-nine years, he afterward removed to Georgetown, Illinois, where he died in 1874, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Lathan, died in Gibson County in 1880, aged seventy-four years. Their children are Monroe, Mrs. Mary Murphy and John. The father had five children by a former marriage, of whom four are living, as follows: S. C., of Concordia, Kansas; William, also of Concordia; Marion, of Pike County, Indiana; and Hannah, wife of J. W. Harris, of Patoka. Monroe Key was educated in Patoka and at the age of twenty years enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company C, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry. On the 12th of March, of that year he was married in Princeton. In July, 1865, he was discharged and mustered out at Indianapolis. During the first year after his return home Mr. Key engaged in the lumber business. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and followed contracting and building from 1867 until 1888. In the latter year he was elected Sheriff of Gibson County, and in 1892 was re-elected, serving for four years. He was one of the most efficient officers ever in that position and his promptness in carrying out the law won him the highest commendation. Since his retirement he has engaged in the operation of his farm, which comprises two hundred and forty acres of rich and valuable land. Mr. Key was married March 9, 1871, to Eliza Summers, and their children are Charles S., Nellie-Annie and John L. In politics Mr. Key is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His life has ever been honorable and upright, displaying the same fidelity which he manifested on southern battlefields when upholding the cause of the stars and stripes.

ABRAHAM L. SMITH, a well known and highly respected agriculturist of Gibson County, is a native of New Jersey, born in Hunterdon County, November 19, 1826, and is a son of John W. and Charlotte (Randolph) Smith, who were also born in that state, the former April 21, 1785, and the latter September 10, 1792. Both were provided with fair educational advantages and in early life the father learned the wagonmaker's trade, but his later years were spent in farming. In 1827 he took his family to New York, where he made his home for about twenty-five years, during which time his wife died—April 8, 1839. Later he lived with a son in Michigan, where his death occurred June 14, 1870. In his family were eleven children, namely: Jacob, John R., Elizabeth, David,

all deceased; Permelia, Samuel, Abraham L., Mary, Charlotte and George, deceased; and Caroline. Our subject acquired a good education in the schools near his home, and remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty years, at which time he began learning the miller's trade. During the thirty years he followed that occupation he drifted over various sections of the country, but finally located upon the farm in Gibson County, Indiana, where he still resides. Besides general farming he is also extensively engaged in raising poultry and thoroughbred Jersey cattle. On the 23d of August, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Margaret Jane Erwin, who was born in South Carolina, January 18, 1835, and is a daughter of James and Elizabeth Erwin. The father's birth occurred in Ireland, January 1, 1797, while the mother was born November 9, 1796, in Georgia, of Irish descent, but at the age of six years she was taken by her parents to South Carolina. When Mrs. Smith was about three months old she was brought by her parents to Gibson County, where the mother died July 13, 1877, and the father passed away August 7, 1884. For fifty-one years they had traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and were earnest members of the United Presbyterian Church. Four children blessed their union—Sarah Ann, deceased; John; Robert, deceased; and Margaret Jane. By trade the father was a blacksmith, but also engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning at the time of his death a valuable farm of two hundred and twenty-three acres. At the time of his marriage Mr. Smith was still interested in the milling business, which he continued to carry on for fifteen years, and then located upon the sixty-acre tract of land which his wife had received from her father's estate. They are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church, and have won for themselves an enviable place in the regard of their fellow citizens. Having no children of their own they adopted two—Anna B. and Charles, but the latter is now deceased. In his political affiliations Mr. Smith is a Prohibitionist.

SAMUEL HENDERSON DAVIS is an enterprising farmer whose life has been a busy and useful one, and who, through earnest effort has overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path and worked his way upward to success. He was born in Pennsylvania County, Virginia, March 7, 1819, a son of Joshua and Sallie (Green) Davis, the former a native of Pennsylvania County, and the latter of Lulenburg County, Virginia. The father received a common school education and was reared by his mother for his own father had died when he was twelve years of age. When twenty-eight years of age he married Sallie Green, and they became the parents of eight children—Parthenia, Louisa and Agnes, all deceased; Samuel H., Joshua, Wm. J., Sallie Ann and

George, who have all passed away. In 1826 Joshua Davis removed to Western Tennessee, and in 1828 came to Gibson County, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred March 19, 1843. His wife died in October of the same year. Though he came to this county a poor man, he acquired a comfortable competence and at his death was the owner of a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Samuel H. Davis was a child of six years when he came with his parents to Gibson county, and here, amid the wild scenes of the frontier he was reared to manhood, experiencing the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life. He assisted in the development of the home farm until twenty-four years of age, when he started out in life for himself as a farm hand. He was married January 28, 1848, and unto the marriage were born eight children, namely: George W., Louisa, Elizabeth, deceased; John H., Mary Ann, Samuel, deceased; Ella Jane and William J., deceased. The mother of this family, who to her husband was a faithful helpmeet through many long years, is now totally blind. For a year after his marriage Mr. Davis operated the old home farm, and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land upon which he has since resided. The early days formed a period of hardship and earnest toil, but he courageously worked on and as the years passed his financial resources increased, enabling him to add new comforts to the home and supply his family with better advantages. He has given to each of his children a quarter section of land at the time of their marriage, and yet retains a comfortable property, from which he derives a good income for himself. He is truly a self-made man and in his life there is much that is worthy of emulation.

THOMAS W. MONROE, a son of Charles and Nancy (Clinton) Monroe, was born in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, in 1820, and was left an orphan when only four months old, after which he was reared in the Staser household until seventeen years of age. He then left the family that had cared for him and started out in life for himself, working on the river. Soon he began dealing in chickens, and accumulated some money, but afterward lost it in an unfortunate business venture. Returning home he entered forty acres of land and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. All through his remaining life he followed farming, and his resolute purpose and well managed interests brought to him a richly merited prosperity. At the age of twenty he married Nancy Clinton, who was born in Kentucky in 1826. They became the parents of eight children, as follows: Fred K., James, John C., deceased; Mary L., Edward, deceased; Thomas W., Margaret, deceased; and Clinton. The mother died in 1858, and Charles Monroe afterward married Louisa Tribble, by whom he had two children—Franklin and Louis Ellen, both now deceased. Her death occurred in April, 1865, and Mr. Monroe departed this life

December 3, 1873. Thomas W. Monroe assisted in the labors of the home farm until twenty years of age, at which time he began clerking in a store owned by his brother, and was thus employed for five years. On the expiration of that period he removed to King's Station, purchased a small plot of ground, erected thereon a store building and began general merchandising on his own account. His determined application and honorable business methods have enabled him to succeed in the face of difficulties and he is now enjoying a comfortable income derived from a liberal patronage. On the 1st of November, 1877, Mr. Monroe married Miss Barbara B. Biel, and eight children have been born to them—Lulu, Charlie, deceased; Mamie; Emeline; Clara; Mildred; John; and one who died in infancy. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Monroe is an advocate of Democratic principles.

VINCENT W. S. TRIPPETT, D. D. S., is successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in Princeton, where his well equipped office, furnished with all modern appliances known to the profession, and his skill and ability, enable him to give to his patrons the most efficient service. He is one of the native sons of Gibson County, born April 30, 1867. His parents were Alex. and Betsy (Phillips) Trippett, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Indiana. They were married in Gibson County, and their union was blessed with three sons and two daughters. The father was twice married and by the first union had one son and two daughters. He was a thrifty farmer and stock-raiser, a Democrat in politics and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His widow, sixty-eight years of age, is still living on the farm north of Princeton. She also holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Doctor was reared at the old homestead, and in the common schools acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in the Central Normal College of Danville in 1887-8. The following winter he taught school, and the next year entered a business college in Lexington, Kentucky, where he was graduated in 1889. His professional education was acquired in the Hospital School of Dental Surgery in Louisville, Kentucky, where he was graduated in June, 1892, after which he located in Princeton. His practice has steadily grown, and he has now a patronage which many an older member of the profession might well envy. In 1893 Dr. Trippett led to the marriage altar Miss Annie E. Cox, of Wadesville, Indiana, and they have a bright little daughter, Margerie. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and the Doctor belongs to the Tribe of Ben Hur. His political support is given the Democracy.

ROBERT R. ORR, who for twenty-nine years has been an esteemed resident of Gibson County, and is one of the leading contractors of Princeton, was born in Livingston County, New York,

March 10, 1841. His father, Collin Orr, was born in Scotland in 1805, and after a long, useful life as a farmer died in Caledonia, New York, in 1891. He married Jennie Robertson, who died in 1850, leaving the following named children: William, deceased; Jennie, wife of Daniel Elyca, of Jewell City, Kansas; Lucy, wife of William McIntyre, of Caledonia, New York; Angus, of Michigan; and Mary A., deceased wife of John Cameron. Robert R. Orr was reared on the home farm, and assisted in its cultivation until twenty-six years of age, when he came to Princeton. In the meantime he had aided in the preservation of the Union, as a member of Companies F and K of the Eighth New York Cavalry. He participated in the battles of Beverly's Ford, Middleburg, Gettysburg, Boonesboro, Brandy Station, Stephensburg, Rappahanock, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Wilson's raid, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, Woodstock, Waynesboro, Richmond and Appomattox. He was under fire in fifty battles, and his loyalty and bravery were fully tested. He enlisted as a private, and was discharged as quartermaster sergeant. Mr. Orr learned the carpenter's trade under S. J. Wallace, of Princeton, with whom he continued business for twenty-four years. He aided in the construction of the Methodist Church, the residences of Sam Reaves, S. Benson, Albert Martin, Tom Walters and W. H. Evans, and has done a large and successful business, his efficient workmanship and faithful fulfillment of his part of a contract securing him a liberal patronage. On the 8th of February, 1871, Mr. Orr was united in marriage with Anna, daughter of Thomas Paul, who came to this county from Tennessee. They have one son, Charles A., born in 1873. Mr. Orr belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the United Presbyterian Church. His life has been one of industry and usefulness and his duties of citizenship are performed with the same loyalty that characterized his career as a soldier.

JAMES A. SPROWL, justice of the peace of Patoka township, and a well known citizen of Princeton, was born in that township, July 28, 1840, a representative of one of its pioneer families. His father, John O. Sprowl, came from South Carolina, his native state, to Gibson County in 1833. He died here in 1841, at the age of twenty-seven years. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret McClellan, and after the death of her first husband she married James Wilson. The Sprowl family is of Irish origin, having been founded in America by John Sprowl, the grandfather of our subject, who emigrated from his native land to South Carolina, and spent his remaining days there. James A. Sprowl was reared and educated in his native county. During the war he joined the boys in blue, of Company B, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, but was discharged from that regiment at Bowling Green, Kentucky,

on account of physical disability. In January, 1865, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, and was stationed at Clarksville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In September, 1865, he was mustered out and returned home. He was a loyal and devoted soldier, who well deserves his country's praise and gratitude. For seven years after the war Mr. Sprowl engaged in farming, and in 1872 removed to Princeton, where he engaged in teaming for several years. He was then elected Constable and after six years' service in that capacity was appointed deputy sheriff by Mr. Chambers. He also served in the same position during the incumbency of Sheriff McGary. In March, 1891, he was appointed Justice of the Peace, in the fall of 1894 was elected to that office for a four years' term, and is now acceptably serving in that capacity. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, deeply interested in the success of his party. In the fall of 1866 Mr. Sprowl married Martha L., daughter of John K. Crow. Their children are John O., Carrie M., wife of George L. Taylor; George M., Charles O., Nellie M., and James Arch.

P. M. KENNEY, who is serving as yardmaster of the Air Line at Princeton, was born in Bloomington, Indiana, March 3, 1848. His father is, perhaps, the oldest employe on the Monon Railroad. He began with that company twenty-eight years ago, has served as roadmaster, and is now, at the age of seventy-four, filling the position of master carpenter. He was born in Kentucky, enlisted in the Confederate army in Missouri, was promoted to a Colonelcy, was captured and held as a prisoner of war in Alton, Illinois. He is the father of the following children: P. M.; Henry L., an engineer on the Southern Railroad; Charles, who is with the Illinois Central Railroad; James, yard foreman on the Monon Railroad at New Albany; Ida, wife of John Brown, of Monon, Indiana; Ada, wife of Elbert Dickinson, of Monon; and Eva, wife of D. P. Bennett, of Rochester, Indiana. P. M. Kenney began his career as a common laborer with the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad at Bloomington, Indiana, June 7, 1864. He afterward worked as trainman and also as bridgeman. In 1874 he left that road and entered the service of the Wabash as yard switchman at Lafayette, and was later yardmaster. In 1877 he entered the service of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, with which he continued as trainman until 1883. He then ran a train for the Air Line Company for a year, after which he returned to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, serving as yardmaster at Danville, Illinois, until 1888, when he became conductor for the Chicago & Ohio road. Since 1891 he has occupied his present position with the Air Line Company. His long railroad service has made him very proficient, and he is to-day one of the most trusted and competent employes of the road with which he is connected. Mr. Kenney was married in Orange County, Indiana, in 1868, to Eva Ramsey, daughter of

A. M. Ramsey. She died August 9, 1895, leaving two children, Emma, wife of Henry Sherman, a mechanic on the Air Line road; and Elbert. Mr. Kenney is a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His faithfulness to every trust reposed in him has won him the confidence of his employers and his genial manner and sterling worth has gained him the regard of many friends.

HENRY P. CHAMBERS, one of Gibson County's representative citizens, was born in Miami County, Ohio, August 3, 1839. His father, Eli Chambers, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1812, and followed carpentering as a life work. He passed away in Peru, Indiana, in 1846. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Puterbaugh, is still living in Shelby County, Ohio, at the age of eighty-one. Their surviving children are H. P., Maria L., wife of John Apple, of Shelbyville, Indiana, and Harriet, wife of Benjamin Eagle, of Dayton, Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Robert Chambers, a native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, followed the occupation of farming, and with his son came to the west, his death occurring in Miami County, Ohio. Henry P. Chambers acquired a fair English education and in his native county learned the trade of a machinist, and was working at his trade there when the war broke out. Putting aside all personal considerations he enlisted September 5, 1861, as a member of Company K, First Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in at Camp Corwin, in Dayton. In the battle of Shiloh, his first engagement, he was wounded in the left shoulder. Soon afterward he was taken ill at Louisville, and was forced to remain in the hospital for eight months. Rejoining his regiment at Mumfordsville, Kentucky, he participated in the battle of Stone River, and the engagements of the Atlanta campaign until receiving an honorable discharge at Chattanooga, September 17, 1864. Mr. Chambers at once returned to the mechanic's bench and in 1866 removed to Indianapolis, whence the following year he went to Patoka, where he carried on carpentering for ten years. On the expiration of that period he became head sawyer and foreman in a saw mill. In the fall of 1880 he was nominated by the Republicans for Sheriff, elected by a majority of thirty-eight, and in 1882 was re-elected. He proved an efficient officer, and retired from the position as he had entered it, with the respect and good will of the voters of Gibson County. In 1885 Mr. Chambers went to Harper County, Kansas, where he remained until 1888, and then returned to Princeton, where he has since engaged in contracting, a part of the time in partnership with George W. Shopbell. He was carpenter foreman and later general superintendent of construction in the shops of the Air Line Railroad at Princeton, and has aided in the erection of the People's National Bank, the Berger & Shannon building, the Ward block, and the residences of R. H. Parrett,

W. D. Robinson, A. G. Wolf and Ben Murphy. On the 1st of September, 1860, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Chambers and Miss Miranda James, daughter of Solomon James. Their children are Charles E., Carrie A., Walter O. and Henry H. Mr. Chambers is a Knight Templar Mason, is past master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is past commander of the G. A. R. Post. A self-made man, his success has been achieved through his own perseverance, diligence and capable management.

GEORGE W. SHOPBELL, an enterprising contractor of Princeton, is numbered among the boys in blue who went forth to the defense of the Union, and valiantly followed the stars and stripes until the old flag floated over the capital of the Southern Confederacy. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, May 21, 1843, and at the age of sixteen came to Gibson County with his father, William Shopbell, who is now living in Homer, Michigan, at the age of seventy-seven. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and in early manhood married Harriet Miller. Their only surviving child is George W.; those who have passed away are Mary, Miranda, M. L., William, Sarah, Hattie and Alice. When only eighteen years of age, George W. Shopbell, in December, 1861, enlisted in Company D, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He served for three years without being absent from his company on a furlough or on sick leave, and his loyalty was above question. After his return he learned the carpenter's trade in Princeton, and for more than twenty years has been engaged in contracting and building here. For many years the firm of Shopbell & Chambers, of which he was the senior partner, did the most extensive business in their line in the city. He has been connected with the erection of the greater part of the best buildings in the city and vicinity, and on all sides stand evidences of his handiwork. He is most energetic and progressive, is true to every trust committed to his care and has the respect and confidence of the entire community. Mr. Shopbell was married February 25, 1869, to Nancy E. Ervin. Her father, Robert Ervin, was born in Ireland, and married Martha Stormon. His death occurred in 1847, hers in 1860. Their children were Margaret, deceased wife of John E. Lillie; James, also deceased, who married Margaret Mumford; John R., who married Saral Finney; and Catherine, deceased wife of D. C. Wood who died in the army. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Shopbell are Clifford C., an architect of Evansville, who married Winnefred Dunlap; and Kate, wife of Frank Forthooffer. Mr. Shopbell is past grand of Princeton Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is an active member of Archer Post, G. A. R. His name is the synonym of honorable business dealing and he is a worthy representative of the industrial interests of Princeton.

ALFRED S. FORD is prominently connected with the indus-

trial interests of Gibson County, and is now successfully operating planing mill in Princeton. He was born in Bedfordshire, England, February 1, 1835, a son of James A. Ford and Jane B. Ford. His father established the first nursery in Gibson County, and was a leading representative of the business interests of this locality for many years. He died in 1883, at the age of seventy-nine. In the family were four children--Charles, who died in 1895; Alfred S.; Annie, wife of George Mills; and Josiah. Since 1845 Alfred S. Ford has been a resident of Princeton. He acquired his education in its public schools, learned the carpenter's trade with the firm of Turner Brothers, and for many years followed that occupation. For the past fifteen years his attention has been devoted to cabinet making and the lumber business, and he is now successfully conducting a planing mill in Princeton. He is a man of known reliability and his energy, capable management and diligence have brought to him an excellent trade and made him one of the leading representatives of Princeton's commercial interests. The success which has attended his efforts is well merited. At the call of duty Mr. Ford laid aside all personal considerations, and in 1862 joined the boys in blue of Company A, Eightieth Indiana Infantry, which was attached to the Twenty-third Army Corps under General Scofield. He was wounded at Resaca by a piece of shell, but after six weeks spent in the hospital rejoined his regiment in Decatur, Georgia, and went in pursuit of Hood. When the object of that campaign was attained the regiment joined Sherman's army in North Carolina, and at Salisbury, that state, Mr. Ford was mustered out with the rank of sergeant. He at once returned to his family and his home. In Princeton, in May, 1858, he had married Elizabeth A., daughter of Washington Rice, a pioneer of Gibson County from Virginia. They have six children--Lucy, wife of E. A. Sharp; Kate; Frank W., who married Annie McCrea; Nellie; George T. and Arthur D. In politics Mr. Ford is a Republican, and while a member of the town council from the Second Ward was active in securing the appropriation for the east school building. Public-spirited and progressive, he is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and is one of Princeton's most valued and respected citizens.

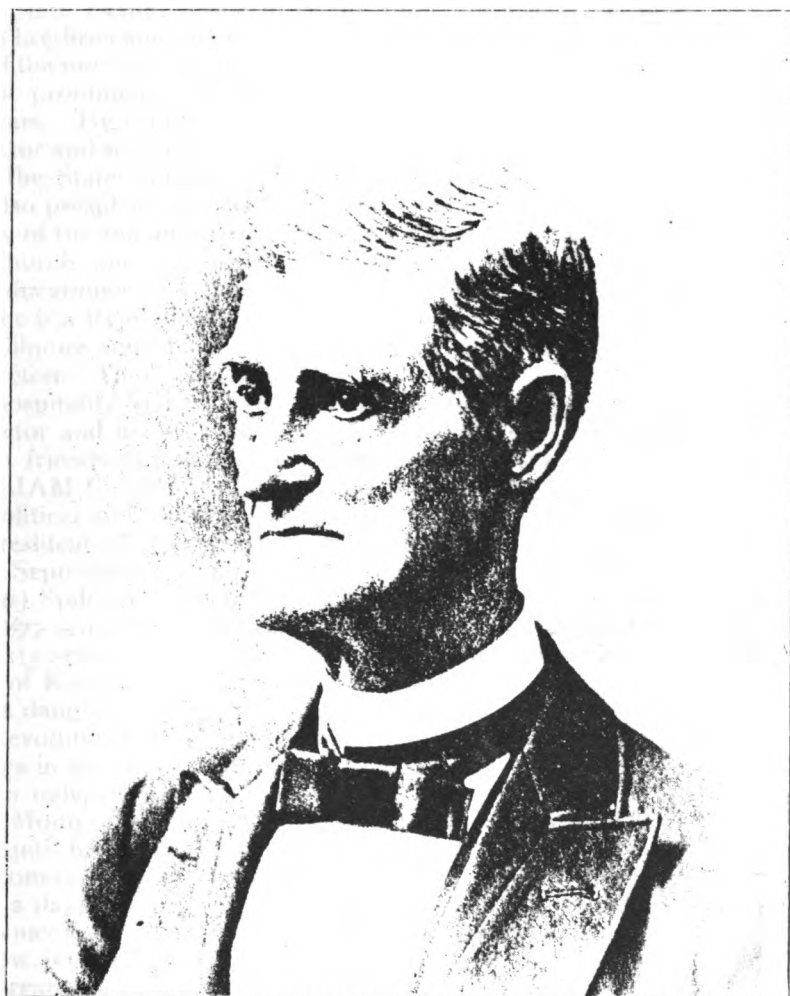
A. B. NICKEY.--Among the quiet, earnest men whose depth of character and strict adherence to principles excite the admiration of all, is this gentleman; yet he is not unknown to the public for his business relations have brought him into prominence and he is a leading representative of commercial interests in Southern Indiana. His excellent success is due to his own efforts. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and it has been the means of bringing to him a prosperity which is well merited. Mr. Nickey was born in Whitley County,

Indiana, August 22, 1844, a son of Samuel Nickey, of Virginian birth, who in early life followed the cooper's trade, but afterward became a successful farmer. He married Elizabeth Grayless, and they had four children—David W., an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Whitley County; Rebecca, wife of Silas Briggs; Mary, wife of Samuel Pierce, of Chicago; and A. B., of this sketch. Both the paternal and maternal grandfather of our subject were Continental soldiers in the war of the Revolution, and the latter, William Grayless, was in Detroit in 1812, with General Hill, at the time of the surrender. A. B. Nickey spent his boyhood and youth in his parents' home in Whitley and Allen Counties, and followed farming until thirty-two years of age. He then turned his attention to the lumber business in Cherubusco, Indiana, where he remained for five years, when he removed to Auburn, operating a large lumber plant there for six years. He is now the most extensive hard wood lumber manufacturer in Southern Indiana. He came to Princeton in 1887, and erected a plant with a capacity of two million feet of lumber per year. He has recently enlarged his facilities by the establishment of a factory in Auburn, which makes his lumber business the leader in this line in Southern Indiana. His patronage has assumed extensive proportions, and the output of his factories is of such superior quality that his business is steadily increasing. He is also the owner of large farms in Gibson and Allen Counties. Mr. Nickey was married in Whitley County, November 13, 1867, to Alpha L., daughter of Francis Mossman, who came from Ohio to Indiana in 1832. They have four children—Samuel M., William, Maxie N., wife of E. L. McLellan, of Columbia City, Indiana; and Alice. Mr. Nickey is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Indianapolis Consistory, while of Fort Wayne Chapter and Comandery he is also a member.

SETH WARD, Sr., has been identified with the business interests of Princeton since 1847, and is one of the self-made men of Gibson County. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance or fortune, but is something to be labored for and sought out with consecutive effort. It comes as a reward of earnest endeavor, and it is thus that Mr. Ward has gained the prosperity to which a well spent life justly entitles him. Born in Amelia County, Virginia, July 10, 1823, he is a son of Josiah and Temperance (Brown) Ward, who removed to Illinois about 1828, locating in White County. There both parents died within a short time, and the family of nine children was left without home or friends. Of this family our subject is now the only survivor. Through his boyhood he worked on a farm and in the summer earned the means which enabled him to attend the common schools during the winter. He afterward went to New Harmony, Indiana, where he learned the trade of a saddler, and after work-

ing as a journeyman in various parts of the country for a time, he came to Princeton in the fall of 1847. No other business man in the place has continued longer in business than he, and his honorable dealing and thorough reliability has justly made him a leader in business circles. His life has been one of industry and perseverance. He is the patentee of several articles used in connection with harness, including the Ward back band hook, which is widely known and widely sold to the wholesale trade. Two years ago Mr. Ward sold the business to his son, Seth Ward, Jr., who has since conducted it successfully. On the 12th of July, 1893, the buildings on a plot of ground two hundred and twenty-two feet front were burned, but within six months he had replaced these with a fine brick block much better than the original structures. Mr. Ward was married December 4, 1849, to Mary Jane, the eldest daughter of Willis Howe, a pioneer settler of Gibson County, and a well known and respected citizen. Mrs. Ward is a native of Princeton, and by her marriage became the mother of nine children, of whom five died in early life. The four living are Annie B., wife of James H. Warnock, of Princeton; Dr. John P. Ward, of this city; Dr. U. S. Ward, of New York City; and Seth Ward, Jr., who succeeded to his father's business in 1894. The mother of this family died June 2, 1880, beloved by all who knew her. She was a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church and soon after their marriage Mr. Ward united with that church, of which he has been an elder for thirty years. In politics he was a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He has twice served as a member of the town council, and has ever taken a deep and active interest in promoting the welfare of the county. His life has been honorable and upright and through the long years of his residence in Princeton he has ever merited the highest regard of his fellow townsmen.

STEELE F. GILMORE, D. D. S., who is successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in Princeton, was born in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, a son of Rev. John and Jane L. (Steele) Gilmore. His father was of Scotch descent, his mother of Irish lineage. They were married in Pennsylvania, became the parents of four sons and one daughter, and are now residing in Oskaloosa, Ohio, having located in the latter state at an early day. The Doctor was reared in Ohio, and acquired his literary education in Lebanon, that state. In Columbus he began the study of dentistry and was licensed to practice in 1871. He first opened an office in Columbus, but after about a year removed to Maysville, and fourteen months later came to Princeton, which has been his home since October, 1873. His success in his profession has been most marked and demonstrates his superior skill and ability along this line. In 1890 he went abroad and took a special course in dental surgery in Paris. In 1892 he graduated from the Haskell Pros-



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thetic School of Chicago, and in his practice makes a specialty of bridge work. The science of dentistry is comparatively a new one. It was unknown for centuries after the medical science was utilized by man and nowhere can more rapid progress be shown than has been made along this line. Dr. Gilmore has kept fully abreast with the times, using the most advanced appliances and improved methods known to the profession. He belongs to the Indiana State Dental Association and ranks high with his professional brethren and the public as well. The Doctor is regarded as one of the most active and influential citizens of Princeton, having been prominently connected with substantial progress for many years. He is president of the Princeton Mining Company, is a director and stockholder in the water works company, is president of the State Building and Loan Association of Princeton, and is also president of the Commercial Club. He is serving as secretary of the school board, is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and does all in his power to promote the moral, social, educational and material welfare of the community. In politics he is a Republican. In 1879 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Gilmore and Miss Hettie Blair, daughter of W. W. Blair, of Princeton. They have four children. Their home is noted for its hospitality and is the center of a cultured society circle. The Doctor and his wife are both popular and highly esteemed, and their friends throughout the community are many.

WILLIAM S. SPILMAN, who has been an important factor in the political and business life of Gibson County, and is an esteemed resident of Princeton, was born in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, September 4, 1838, a son of Chesterfield C. and Mahala (Williams) Spilman. His father was a native of Gibson County, and in 1877 removed to Arkansas, where he died in 1879, at the age of sixty-seven years. The grandfather, Samuel Spilman, was a native of Kentucky, and came to this county about 1805. He married a daughter of John H. Hunter, who served for seven years in the Revolutionary war, and Samuel Spilman was also one of the heroes in that sanguinary struggle, which happily resulted in American independence. On coming to Gibson County he located in Montgomery township, where he followed farming and tanning until his death. The mother of our subject was born in Posey County, Indiana, in 1818, and died in Illinois, in 1845. She was a daughter of William Williams, a native of Tennessee, and a pioneer settler of Posey County. William S. Spilman, of this review, is the eldest of a family of two sons and two daughters. He was reared under the parental roof, and from an early age assisted in the labors of the farm and tannery. He gained a common school education, and when fourteen years of age started out in life for himself, since which time he has been dependent upon his own resources. Whatever success he has achieved in

life has come as the reward of his labor. Mr. Spilman was married August 21, 1859, to Helen D. Camp, daughter of Dr. Joseph Camp, of Lynnville, Indiana. They began their domestic life on a farm, which Mr. Spilman cultivated until July 22, 1861, when he felt that his highest duty he owed to his country, and entered the Union service as a member of Company G, First Indiana Cavalry. In 1862 he was made sergeant, and with that rank was honorably discharged September 14, 1864, having participated in the battles of Frederickstown, Helena, Little Rock and Pine Bluffs. On his return from the army, Mr. Spilman resumed farming in Warrick County. The following year he was elected County Commissioner of that county on the Republican ticket, and later also became a candidate for Sheriff, for which office he was defeated by a very few votes, although the county was Democratic. He followed farming until 1875, when he removed to Boonville, where he engaged in the livery business for a short time. He then went to Lynnville, where he carried on the same business until 1879, at which time he again went to Boonville. Later he conducted a livery barn in Mt. Vernon until 1887. In that year he came to Princeton, where he has since remained in the livery stable business. For two years he served as marshal of Mt. Vernon, and in 1894 was elected marshal of Princeton for a four years' term, so that he is now serving in that capacity. He has made a good marshal, and holds the esteem and respect of all. Mr. and Mrs. Spilman have one son and three daughters, and have given their children good educational privileges. He has always been a Republican in politics, is a Master Mason, belongs to the Eastern Star, and holds membership in the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

W. R. STEELE, a prominent citizen and business man of Princeton, was born in Gibson County, April 24, 1845. His father, Robert Steele, a native of Kentucky, came to this county when a young man, and was married here to Eliza, daughter of William Reavis. Their children were John Q. A., who was first lieutenant of Company F, Twenty-second Indiana Infantry, and was killed in battle; James M., a prosperous farmer of Columbia township; Tabitha V., deceased wife of Samuel Dodds; Martin L., of Gibson County, who was a soldier in the First Indiana Cavalry; Alonzo M., who belonged to the same regiment and is living in Gibson County; Mary E., wife of John A. Farmer; Robert L., who served in Company F, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry; W. R., of this sketch; George W., of Gibson County; Dicy, wife of Dr. Lucius Wilson; and Lewis, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana. W. R. Steele was reared in his father's home and the quietude of farm life was first interrupted by the country's call to arms. He enlisted as a member of Company A, First Indiana Cavalry, was mustered in at Indianapolis, and with his

regiment was stationed much of the time in Arkansas, where they engaged largely in scouting. As the regiment was mustered out before his time expired, he was transferred to the artillery service and continued at the front until honorably discharged at Duvall's Bluff. When the war was over he had not yet attained his majority, but his youth was no limit to his bravery, and with the loyalty worthy of the cause he faithfully performed the duties allotted to him. Mr. Steele returned to the plow and continued his farming operations until the fall of 1890, when he removed to Princeton to assume the duties of County Recorder. He was nominated and elected for that office on the Republican ticket. In 1895 he began dealing in carriages and in connection now carries a line of agricultural implements. He is one of the wide-awake and progressive business men of the city, and his reliable methods and straightforward dealing, combined with great energy, have secured him a large business and a comfortable competence. On the 1st of March, 1868, Mr. Steele married Maggie E., daughter of Alex. Holcomb. Mr. and Mrs. Steele have eight children—Festus A., a Methodist minister of Evansville, Indiana; Gustus A., a partner in his father's store; Charlie; Walter; Roy; Maude, deceased; Nellie and Myrtle.

H. H. NIEKAMP, superintendent of the schools of Gibson County, was born on the 23d of July, 1868. Though a young man, he has won an enviable reputation as an educator, and is fully competent to fill the position to which he was elected, an election which was a tribute to his personal worth, as well as his professional ability, for he is a native son of Gibson County, and his record is one well known to its citizens. His father is William Nickamp, a farmer of Barton township, and a gentleman of German birth, who came to Gibson County during the '40s. He was married here to Maria Schweppe, a native of Germany, born in 1839. They became parents of ten children, nine of whom are living, namely: William, John, H. H., Fred W., G. A., George H., Hannah, Carrie, and Mary. Mr. Nickamp acquired his early education in the country schools, and afterward enjoyed the advantages of a course in the State University of Indiana. He entered upon the profession of teaching at the age of eighteen, and in that calling has been most successful. Deeply interested in the cause of the schools his earnest efforts and practical methods enabled him to gain a proficiency that has won him a place among educators. To his present position he was called in June, 1895, being elected by the board of trustees of Gibson County. His broad and comprehensive knowledge of the needs of the schools and his well formulated policy as to methods and management makes him a most efficient county superintendent and Gibson County is fortunate in the selection of one so well fitted to discharge the honorable duties of the office. He belongs to the

Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is a social, genial gentleman, whose courtesy and true worth has won him many friends.

WILLIAM S. ENNES, one of the progressive citizens of Princeton, claims Gibson County as the place of his nativity. He was born November 28, 1862, a son of Embree and Martha (Kirk) Ennes. His father was a native of this county, and died at the early age of twenty-one. In August, 1862, he had entered his country's service as a member of Company B, Sixty-fifth Indiana Infantry. He faithfully followed the stars and stripes until illness overtook him and he was brought home, but the next day he died. The paternal grandparents were John and Nancy Ennes, the former a native of North Carolina, and an early settler of Washington township, Gibson County. The Ennes family is of Scotch-Irish origin. Mrs. Martha Ennes, mother of our subject, was born and reared in Gibson County, and still makes her home here. She is a daughter of Robert and Susan (Redman) Kirk, also pioneers of this locality. William S. Ennes was an only child. He was reared on the farm in Washington township, and spent his boyhood days midst play and work. His elementary education was obtained in the common schools, and he was afterward graduated on the completion of the teacher's course in the Indiana Central Normal College at Danville in 1883. In 1886 he embarked in general merchandising in Hazleton, Indiana, where he remained for a year and a half, after which he spent three years as a salesman in a hardware store in Princeton. In September, 1889, he was appointed deputy county treasurer, in which capacity he served until November, 1894, since which time he has been engaged in the real estate and general insurance business. He is a wide-awake, enterprising man, possessed of the true progressive spirit of the west. In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ennes and Miss Lucy Kightly, of Hazleton, Indiana, a most estimable lady, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have two children—Vesper and Darle. Mr. Ennes is also an active member of the Methodist Church, and socially is connected with the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternities. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and in the fall of 1896 became the Republican candidate for Treasurer of Gibson County, and made a very creditable race, being defeated by a very small majority, and by such means as has induced a contest of such election. Mr. Ennes is a popular young man, and all he has accomplished has been by individual effort, and to him belongs much credit for the success he has achieved in life.

JOHN K. SHULL is engaged in the livery business in Princeton. He was born in Gibson County, January 10, 1867, and is a son of George W. Shull, of Fort Branch. His early boyhood days were spent on the home farm, and he soon became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He

acquired a fair education in the common schools, supplemented by a two years' course in the high school of Princeton. From the age of twelve years he has been mainly dependent upon his own efforts, and the success he has achieved has come as the reward of his diligence and capable management. Throughout life he has been engaged in dealing in horses. During his boyhood he was thus employed, and in 1889 he embarked in the business of breeding horses. The following year he purchased a livery stable in Princeton, which was recently burned, but business was continued in another barn in Princeton. This piece of bad luck seemed to not discourage him, and with his characteristic pluck and energy he is rapidly building up again. He owns fine trotting horses and has some excellent farming property, and is a thorough-going business man, who carries to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was married in 1892 to Miss Florence Summers, and they have two children. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Honor societies, and in politics is a Republican.

JESSE C. KIMBALL is a representative of the mercantile interests of Princeton, and possesses the true progressive spirit of the west, which has produced in the Mississippi valley a development and advancement that places this section of the country on a par with the older east. Mr. Kimball was born in Posey County, Indiana, April 1, 1831, and is a son of Elisha and Mary (Boyle) Kimball. His father was born in Henderson, Kentucky, and died in Louisiana while on a business trip in 1836. He was at that time making his home in Gibson County. He left two sons, William, who is now living retired in Owensville, and Jesse C. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Jesse and Elizabeth (Rolinson) Kimball. The latter was a native of Pennsylvania and of German lineage. The former was born in Massachusetts, and was one of the heroes of the Revolution. The Kimball family is of English origin and the ancestry can be traced back to 1446, in Cumberland County, England. Four brothers of the name founded the family in Massachusetts in 1632. Jesse Kimball, the grandfather, removed from Massachusetts to Kentucky, and in 1806 became one of the pioneers of Gibson County, his nearest neighbor at that time being five miles away. While living in Kentucky two Indians became offended at him and burned his residence, which contained his discharge papers from the Colonial army. He died in Gibson County in 1850, aged ninety-eight years. Jesse Kimball therefore comes of a family of long identification with Gibson County. At the age of thirteen years he went to Evansville, where he learned the tinner's trade. In 1851 he came to Princeton and embarked in business as a dealer in hardware, tinware and stoves, but during the Civil war he put aside all personal considerations to enter his country's service with the

boys in blue of Company A, Eightieth Indiana Infantry. He enlisted in September, 1862, and was made First Lieutenant, but after six months resigned on account of failing health. He is now a member of Archer Post, G. A. R. In 1855 Mr. Kimball married Amanda E. Johnston, a native of Paoli, Indiana, then living in Evansville. They are members of the Presbyterian Church and are most highly esteemed citizens of Princeton. During Mr. Kimball's army service his wife conducted the store and on his return he resumed business, and has since devoted his energies to the same. He began life with little capital, but through his well directed efforts has acquired a comfortable competency, and is now the oldest merchant in his line in Princeton. In early life he was a Democrat, but since the organization of the party has been a stalwart Republican. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason.

JOHN E. JOYCE, proprietor of the Rubber Tire Livery, of Princeton, was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, on the 10th of October, 1868, and is a son of William and Nancy J. (Whitman) Joyce. His father was a native of Ireland, and during his childhood came with his parents to America, the family locating in New York. At an early day in the history of this state he took up his residence within its borders, and was married here to Miss Whitman, who was born in Indiana. For a number of years he engaged in school teaching, but since the war has devoted his energies mainly to farming. At the country's call for troops to aid in suppressing the rebellion he enlisted in Patoka, Indiana, as a member of Company B, First Indiana Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. John E. Joyce is the only child of his parents. He was born on a farm, but after the age of five years was reared in Sullivan, and acquired his education in its public schools. On the 7th of November, 1887, he entered upon his business career as a proprietor of a livery in Sullivan, where he remained in business until August, 1896. He has, however, resided in Princeton since October, 1891, and carried on a similar business at this place. The fine brick building which he occupies was completed in September, 1895, and he has one of the best equipped livery barns in this section of the state. He has prospered in his business, owing to his well directed efforts, his energy and his perseverance. On the 11th of October, 1893, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Joyce and Olive B. Heston, daughter of Joseph S. Heston, of Gibson County. Mr. Joyce is a member of the Odd Fellows Society and the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, and at the 1896 county convention was honored by his party with the nomination for representative, but later withdrew from the race.

ROBERT ARCHER WOODS is one of the most prominent representative of the Knights of Pythias fraternity in Indiana, and one of the leading citizens of Princeton. He was born on a farm



GILBERT R. STORMONT.

near Princeton, January 5, 1861, a son of Deno Brown and Lucinda C. (Archer) Woods. The former was born in Gibson County in 1835. The later was a daughter of Robert Archer, who came to this county at an early day. Both the paternal and maternal ancestry of our subject were natives of South Carolina, and descended from sturdy Scotch Covenanter stock, who have formed a substantial element in American citizenship. Leaving the South because of their belief in the injurious effects of the system of slavery, then came to Indiana, and located in the Scotch settlement in Gibson County, becoming prominent in its development and upbuilding. The grandfather, Samuel H. Woods, was one of the pioneer farmers of this locality. The father of our subject here spent his entire life, and during the Civil War joined Company A, Fiftieth-eighth Indiana Infantry. With his regiment he went to the front and gave his life in defense of his country at the battle of Resaca, May 14, 1864.

Robert A. Woods was educated in the public schools of Princeton and the Indiana University, where he was graduated in 1881, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Later he studied at the University Liepsic, Germany, and after his return to his native land, was engaged for a short time in the study of law, but abandoned that pursuit to accept the position of deputy clerk of the Gibson Circuit Court. He was thus engaged until a recent date, when he resigned in order to accept a responsible position in the People's National Bank of Princeton.

In September, 1880, Mr. Woods wedded Mary Hall, of this city, and they have an infant son. Mrs. Woods' father was John B. Hall, a son of Judge Samuel Hall, ex-Lieutenant Governor of Indiana. Mr. Woods is a Republican in politics, and warmly advocates the party principles. He served as secretary of the first building and loan association organized in Princeton, and was a prominent member of the Business Men's Association, now the Commercial Club.

Mr. Woods was a charter member of Ascaton Lodge, No. 155, of Princeton, organized October 19, 1886, and in January, 1890, became past chancellor. His first appearance in the Grand Lodge was in the session of 1892, and he was there made a member of the finance committee for the ensuing year. In the session of 1893 he was made deputy grand chancellor for the Fourteenth Pythian District of Indiana, and is now serving his third year in the capacity. He is also a prominent member of the Maasonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and thirty-second-degree Mason, and holds the office of grand king in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Indiana.

GILBERT R. STORMONT was born in Gibson County, in 1843. His father was William Stormont, a native of South Carolina, and who came to Gibson County in 1832, settled in the forest

east of Princeton, and went to work to clear up a farm, and there lived until 1873, when he removed to Princeton, where he died in 1894, in his 87th year. Mr. Stormont's mother's maiden name was Elvira Caruthers. She was a native of Tennessee. Her death occurred in 1855. She had six children, of whom Gilbert R. is the second oldest. He was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, and in the academic schools of Princeton. For two years he was a student in the State University at Bloomington, Indiana.

In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company B, Fifty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at the end of his term of service as a corporal, having participated in all the marches and battles of the regiment.

After his return home, he first engaged in teaching, afterward in merchandising, and then drifted into the newspaper business. In 1873 he went to Albion, Illinois, and there established the Albion Journal, and continued its publication for three years. After selling out that journal, Mr. Stormont returned to Princeton, purchased the Clarion, a weekly paper, which he has since continued to successfully publish. The paper is devoted to the interest of the Republican party, to Gibson County and Princeton. As an editor and newspaper publisher, Mr. Stormont has gained desirable reputation. He recently compiled and published "Hight's History of the Fifty-eighth Indiana Regiment." He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which organization he has been Department Commander of Indiana. He and wife are active members of the United Presbyterian Church. In 1870 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stormont and Miss Kate Keys. Unto the marriage five children have been born—two daughters are deceased, and three sons survive.

Mrs. Stormont is a daughter of James M. and Catherine Keys. Her father recently died, after residing in the county nearly forty years.

Mr. Keys was born near Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, September 19, 1810. His father was Colonel William Keys, an officer in the war of 1812, and a native of Rockbridge County, Virginia. His mother was a Donald, and her ancestry were of Scottish origin. In 1834, Mr. Keys was married to Catherine B. Hand, daughter of Dr. Jasper Hand, of Hillsboro, Ohio, who also distinguished himself in the war of 1812 as an army surgeon. Catherine Hand's grandfather was General Edward Hand, who rendered distinguished service at several of the important battles of the revolutionary war. During the latter years of the war he was Adjutant-General on General Washington's staff.

MARTIN W. FIELDS, attorney-at-law, of Princeton, has attained an enviable position at the bar of Gibson County, and has been connected with much of the important litigation of the

courts in this section of the State. He has also occupied a position of no little prominence in political affairs in the county, and is a man of intrinsic worth, esteemed in all the relations of life.

Mr. Fields was born in White County, Illinois, June 1, 1851, a son of Joshua and Manesa (Orr) Fields. The grandfather, Thomas Fields, was born in Virginia, of English parentage, and married a German lady. Joshua Fields was born in White County, Illinois, and his wife was a native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Her father, William Orr, was born in the north of Ireland, and when 18 years of age, was apprenticed to a weaver, but ran away, and coming to this country located in North Carolina.

Joshua Fields was a farmer and merchant, but at the opening of the Civil War put aside all business considerations, and in October, 1861, enlisted in Company B, Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry. He rose to the rank of First Lieutenant, was killed at the battle of Mission Ridge November 25, 1863, and was buried in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga. His wife survived him many years, but is now deceased. Of their nine children three are living.

Martin W. Fields was reared on a farm, educated in the common schools, and at the age of 16 began teaching, which profession he followed for nine years. In the meantime he studied law under the direction of Judge Land, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. For two years he practiced in partnership with William H. Trippett. In 1883 he formed a partnership with Lucius C. Embue, the connection continuing for three years, after which he entered into partnership with John W. Ewing, the firm of Fields & Ewing being maintained until 1890, since which time he has been alone.

Mr. Fields was married in the same year, 1890, to Minnie Lindley, daughter of Dr. C. F. Lindley, of Morgan County, Indiana. They have one child, Mary. In the Presbyterian Church they hold membership, and in social circles occupy a high position. Politically, Mr. Fields is a stalwart Republican, and in 1888 was elected to represent Gibson County in the State Legislature, where he served on the committees on judiciary, claims and organization and rules of court. He was also appointed on a special committee to investigate the condition of the insane asylums of Indiana. His public career and his private life are alike above reproach and devotion to duty and fidelity to trust have formed the permeating influence in his character.

SAMUEL R. ADAMS is a native son of Gibson County, where he is now serving as County Auditor. He was born August 21, 1859, and is a representative of a pioneer family of this locality. His grandfather, Samuel Adams, Sr., of Irish birth, located in Gibson County in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and here followed farming and merchandising until his death. He

married Margaret Neeley, and of their seven children, Thomas N., was the only son. He was born in 1828, and spent his life as a merchant and grain dealer. He served two terms as trustee of Johnson Township, and was a respected citizen of the community. He married Margaret J. Parker, whose parents came from Benton County, Tennessee. Their children are Melly, wife of Jonathan Madden, of this county; Samuel R., Sidney, Elizabeth and Margaret, all deceased; Vanderver and Bertha, wife of Robert Patterson, of Evansville. The father of this family died in 1891, the mother in 1873.

Samuel R. Adams acquired his education in Fort Branch, and entered upon his business career as a teacher in the country schools. He afterward went to Evansville, where he secured a clerkship in the store of Miller Brothers, and a year later went to Parsons, Kansas, where he accepted a clerkship in a mercantile establishment, and here remained for a year. He then returned home to assist his father, who had embarked in business at Fort Branch. In 1879 the stock was removed to Francisco, and in 1885 Mr. Adams bought out his father, carrying on the business alone until the fall of 1894, when he sold his store in order to assume the duties of the office to which he was elected.

Mr. Adams was the Republican candidate for County Auditor, and was elected by the flattering majority of 635. He is now faithfully discharging the duties of his position with a fidelity to the public trust that knows no wavering. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. On the 24th of June, 1885, he wedded Ada Montgomery, daughter of Dr. D. B. Montgomery, of Cynthiana, and they have one child, Margaret Fay, born April 1, 1887. Their home is noted for its hospitality and their friends through the county are many. Mr. Adams is a man of intrinsic worth, esteemed in all the relations of life, and has the highest respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

THOMAS A. WALTERS has spent his entire life in Gibson County, and is numbered among the representatives of the honored pioneer families who opened the way to civilization in this region and laid the foundation for the present prosperity. His birth occurred a half mile east of Fort Branch, January 22, 1847. His father, Reuben T. Walters, was born on the site of the Methodist Church, in Fort Branch, September 20, 1820, and in 1846 located on what is known as the Walters homestead, there residing until 1880, when he removed to the town of his birth. His death occurred in April, 1895, and the community mourned the loss of one of its esteemed citizens. In early life he was a Whig, but espoused the cause of the Republican party from its organization, and voted for John C. Fremont when only two votes were cast for that candidate in his precinct. He married Susan Smyth, a native of Ireland, who died April 23, 1891. Their children are Thomas

A., Myrtle J., wife of Samuel B. Ester; Sarah L., wife of Calvin Dinkley, of Clay Center, Kansas; Susan, wife of Benjamin F. Shannon; James D., Richard S., and Fannie, who died January 28, 1891. Alvin Walters, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York, and while engaged in fishing, was drowned by the capsizing of his boat off the coast of Belle Isle.

Thomas A. Walters obtained his primary education in the schools of Fort Branch, and subsequently spent one year in school in Evansville, Indiana. His course, however, was interrupted by his service in the army. He left the play-ground for the field of battle, enlisting December 14, 1863, as a member of Company B, Tenth Indiana Cavalry, under Colonel T. M. Pace. The regiment operated chiefly in Tennessee and Mobile, Alabama, and when the war was over he was mustered out August 31, 1865, receiving an honorable discharge at Indianapolis on the 9th day of September.

Returning once more to the pursuits of civil life, Mr. Walters engaged in the saw-mill business until 1876, when he was appointed chief deputy under General Vail, County Sheriff, with whom he served two years. He was appointed to the same position by Sheriffs Chambers and Key, a fact which well indicates his efficiency. For nine years he held the position of collector with the Osborn Company, and was assistant claim agent for the Air Line Railroad Company for one year. In 1894 he was elected County Recorder by a majority of 574, and is the present incumbent of that office. His public career has been one of marked fidelity to duty and to the trust reposed in him.

In Fort Branch, October 30, 1895, Mr. Walters married Annie E., daughter of Captain H. C. West, who died from wounds received at the battle of Shiloh. He was a native of New Jersey, and married Phoebe E. Gereung. Mr. Walters is a valued member of the Odd Fellows Society, the Knights of Pythias fraternity, of Ben Hur Tribe, and of Stephen Meale Post, No. 187, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, and a recognized leader of his party in Gibson County.

CHARLES W. BENTON, Deputy County Recorder of Gibson County, and City Clerk of Princeton, was born in this city, September 5, 1856. His father, J. T. Benton, is a carpenter of Oakland City. He was born in Kentucky, and is a son of J. T. N. Benton, one of the pioneers of Gibson County. The mother of our subject, Mrs. Rachel Benton, is a daughter of Henry F. Coleman, and a sister of W. H. Coleman, of Princeton. Her children are Charles W., N. W., W. H., J. H. and Fred.

Charles W. Benton acquired his education in the public schools of Oakland City. Early in life he developed a strong love of music, and in order to become proficient as a cornetist, he entered a school in Cincinnati for the study of thorough bass and harmony. In due time he completed his course, and for a number

of years was engaged in organizing and instructing bands in Southern Indiana. In 1886 he was elected City Clerk of Princeton on the Republican ticket, and has been five times re-elected. He served as Assistant Deputy Circuit Clerk under Mr. Coleman, and was appointed Deputy Recorder when Mr. Walters was elected to the superior office. No higher testimonial of his efficiency could be given than his frequent re-election as Clerk. Every trust confided to his care is fulfilled with the utmost faithfulness, and he has the respect and confidence of all.

Mr. Benton was married in November, 1882, the lady of his choice being Jennie, daughter of James and Sophrona (Kirkman) Patterson. Their home is now blessed with two children—Agnes and Ruth. A lover of music, he has done much to promote the art in Princeton, and is now leader of the band in this city. He is also a member of the Order of Ben Hur.

SAMUEL P. WELBORN was one of Gibson's County honored pioneers and most prominent and respected citizens. He was born in North Carolina in 1813, and died in this county in 1875. His father, Moses Welborn, was a native of England, and with his father, emigrated to America in 1765, locating in Maryland. His wife bore the maiden name of Deborah Chipman.

When a young man of twenty years, Samuel Welborn came to Gibson County, and aided in opening up this region to civilization. He went through the usual experiences of frontier life and the hardships which he and other pioneers endured made possible the prosperity and advancement of the county to-day. His life-work was farming, and though his career was uneventful as marked by public service, it was honorable and upright, furnishing an example well worthy of emulation. He was joined in wedlock in this county with Mary, daughter of James R. and Nancy (Armstrong) Waters, the latter a native of Ireland, and the former of Kentucky, whence they came to Gibson County in 1808, spending their remaining days near Owensville. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Welborn was born in Gibson County, in 1815, and died in 1887. In their family were six sons and five daughters, whose identification with business and professional life in the county has prominently linked the name with its history.

WILLIAM P. WELBORN is the eldest son of Samuel P. Welborn, of whom mention is made above. He was born on his father's farm February 14, 1838, and assisted in the labors of its cultivation until nineteen years of age. He attended the public schools, for a short time was a student in the State University, and at the age of nineteen began the study of medicine in Owensville. In 1858 he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and in 1859 was graduated at the Jefferson College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after which he took a post-graduate course.

He then located in Owensville, where he practiced medicine until August 11, 1862, when he joined the Union Army as First Lieutenant of Company A, Eightieth Indiana Infantry. A month later he was appointed assistant surgeon, and after one year's service was made surgeon of his regiment, acting in that capacity until honorably discharged in September, 1865.

Returning home, Dr. Welborn successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for two years, when failing health caused him to abandon it. In 1870, on the Democratic ticket, he was elected County Clerk, and by re-election was continued in that office for eight consecutive years. For five years he engaged in general mercantile business in partnership with W. D. Downey, under the firm name of Downey & Welborn, but in the meantime had become interested in the organization of the People's National Bank in 1873, and in 1885 was elected cashier, a position he has since acceptably filled. He was also one of the organizers of the Water Works Company, of which he is a stockholder and director, and in addition owns two valuable farms.

Dr. Welborn was married in 1869 to Mary F. Jerold, a native of Gibson County, and they have four sons—Jerold, a clothing merchant; Oscar P., Maurice J. and Charles H. The doctor and his family hold membership in the First Presbyterian Church. For sixteen years he has served on the School Board, and is now its president. No man has done more in the interests of education than he. He was one of the active organizers of the Public Library, and is now purchasing agent for the same. Few interests in the town have not received from him substantial aid and encouragement, and he is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, whom Gibson County could ill afford to lose.

COLONEL GEORGE W. GORMAN was a native of New Haven, Connecticut. His birth occurred July 26, 1825, and his death at Owensville, Indiana, in 1887. He came west early in life and learned the printer's trade, which he was following at Evansville, when he enlisted in the Mexican War, in which he served as Sergeant. For a while after the close of that military struggle, he was foreman of the Evansville Journal. In 1849 he married and settled at Owensville, Indiana, where he continued his place of residence until his death. He married Mary A. McQuade, and became the father of the following children: James U., deceased; George C.; Agnes, deceased; Florence, Emma and John C. He was prompt to answer the call for troops at the out-breaking of the Civil War; raised Company H, Seventeenth Indiana Infantry; became Captain of the company; rose to rank of Major; to Lieutenant-Colonel; resigned while serving as Lieutenant-Colonel, and was afterward appointed Colonel of the First Indiana Congressional District, and in this capacity recruited and

organized the One Hundred and Twentieth Indiana Infantry, and the Tenth Indiana Cavalry. For a good many years after the war he was engaged in the merchandize business at Owensville, and during the last years of his life was engaged in the real estate business and practice of law. He was a prominent leader in the Democratic party, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a wide acquaintance.

GEORGE C. GORMAN, son of Colonel George W. Gorman, was born at Owensville, Indiana, July 15, 1852; was reared in his native town; there attended school and later spent two years in the State University of Indiana; was associated with his father in business for many years; taught school; became associated with his brother, John C. Gorman, two years ago, since which time he has been assistant editor of the Princeton Democrat.

JOHN C. GORMAN, editor and proprietor of the Princeton Democrat, was born and reared at Owensville, Indiana. His birth occurred December 12, 1866. His father was Colonel George W. Gorman, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

He was educated in the schools of Owensville; began his newspaper career there at the age of fifteen years; worked as a printer, there and elsewhere, up to 1888, in which year he established the Owensville Gleaner, a paper which he successfully published, weekly, up to February, 1895, when he sold it. In March, of that year, Mr. Gorman purchased the Princeton Democrat, which he has since continued to issue. It is both a daily and semi-weekly paper, and is ably edited. In 1891, Mr. Gorman married Miss Mary McGinnis, who passed to her final rest in December of 1896, leaving three children. Mr. Gorman is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally a member of the Knights of Pythias order.

JAMES McCORMICK, editor and proprietor of the Princeton News, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, July 6, 1851, is a son of Rev. Thomas B. and Mary A. (McClure) McCormick. His father was a native of Kentucky, and spent his life in the ministry as a Congregationalist preacher.

The subject of this mention was reared mainly in his native county, and was given a common school education. From 1870 to 1880 he was engaged in farming. In the latter year he became a resident of Princeton, where he was engaged in the hotel business for one year, and for six years thereafter he was in the patent right business. In 1887, Mr. McCormick began his newspaper career by purchasing the Princeton Prohibition Era, which he published for five or six years, and then suspended. In April, 1893, he established the Princeton Evening News, and in 1894, Weekly News, which he has since successfully continued to issue. In 1892, he was the Prohibition candidate for Secretary of State for Indiana, but with his party, suffered defeat. Mr. McCormick

was married, in 1873, to Mary E. Garrison, and his home has been blessed by the birth of two sons.

SAMUEL A. STEWART, of Princeton, occupies the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gibson County. He comes of sturdy Scotch ancestry, who located in America anterior to the Revolution. The founder of the family in this country located in Virginia, and near Lynchburg, that state, on the 9th of April, 1768, Thomas Stewart was born. On the 30th of January, 1794, he married Tirza Morrison, and one of their sons, Samuel (Ayers) Stewart, who was born December 10, 1797, located in Patoka, Indiana, in 1818. He followed milling in his new home during the summer season, and in winter engaged in teaching school. Subsequently, he entered land and devoted the latter part of his life to farming. His well-directed business efforts, his energy and perseverance brought to him a comfortable competence. Of a deeply religious nature he united with the Methodist Church in early life, and was licensed to preach in 1830. Four years later he was ordained a deacon at Mt. Carmel by Bishop Roberts, and in 1847 was ordained an elder by Bishop Waugh. Public-spirited and progressive, he was also active in public affairs, was elected associate judge in 1837, was appointed Probate Judge in 1845 by Governor Whitcomb to fill out an unexpired term, and in August of the same year, was elected for a full term. In 1839 he served as County Tax Collector, and in the various positions which he was called to fill he ever discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. On the 29th of January, 1824, he married Lucinda, daughter of Robert Howe, who came from Kentucky to Gibson County in pioneer days. They had eleven children, one of whom, John W., served as a soldier of Company A, Eightieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, from August 10, 1862, until the close of the war. Samuel A. Stewart, the grandfather, died May 24, 1849, and the county thereby lost one of its valued citizens.

Thomas Stewart, father of our subject, was born July 29, 1828, and on the 29th of September, 1853, married Elizabeth (Payne) Hudelson. Four of their children are now living, namely: Samuel A.; Clara E., wife of M. S. Knapp, and John H.

Samuel A. Stewart, whose name introduces this review, was born near Patoka, July 17, 1854, and acquired his early education in the common schools, after which he entered the Evansville Commercial College, where he was graduated August 14, 1874. He then entered his father's general mercantile store, where he discharged the duties of a salesman until 1879, when the firm of Stewart & Danks was organized and he was given an interest in the business. For fifteen years he was one of the partners in that enterprise, and was prominently connected with the commercial interests of Patoka. In 1894 he was elected to the office of Clerk

of the Circuit Court of Gibson County, in which capacity he is now acceptably serving. He also filled the position of Postmaster of Patoka for seven years. He represents a family whose identification with the county has been long and honorable, and in the business and political life of this locality he too has been an important and valued factor. Mr. Stewart and his estimable wife are members and active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married December 26, 1877, to Mary E. Danks, daughter of Rev. Thomas C. and Mary D. Danks. They have an interesting family of five children—Edith D., Charles H., Clara, Samuel Ayers and Mary E.

JACOB F. BIRD is numbered among the self-made men of Gibson County, his success being attributable to his own perseverance, earnest labor and close application to business. He was born five miles south of Greenville, Tennessee, January 1, 1827, a son of David and Mary (Broyles) Bird, both of whom were natives of Virginia. Removing to East Tennessee at an early day they were married in Greene County, and became the parents of six sons and six daughters, of whom Jacob F. is the eleventh child. Both the Bird and Broyles families are of German lineage. The parents died near Greenville, where for many years the father had followed farming. Jacob F. Bird remained on the home farm until twenty-four years of age. He was graduated in Tusculum College in East Tennessee in 1851, and in the same year took up his residence in Owensville, Indiana. He has since resided either in Owensville or Princeton. From 1851 until 1864 he taught school, and in the meantime by private study prepared for the practice of law, and in 1858 was admitted to the bar. For two years thereafter he devoted his energies to the legal profession and then resumed school teaching. In 1864 he embarked in merchandising in Owensville, and for thirteen years carried on business in partnership with John Robb, after which he was in partnership with John Smith for eight years. Through the following year his son was associated with him in business, and through the succeeding six years, Howard Mauck was his partner. Since May, 1896, he has been alone in business and from the public he receives a liberal patronage, for his honorable dealing and courteous treatment commend him to the confidence of all. Mr. Bird voted with the Democratic party until 1876, since which time he has supported either the Greenback or Prohibition party. He is an advocate of the free coinage of silver, and supports principle rather than party. Honored with several public offices, he served as county school examiner for six years, after which he resigned and in 1866 was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly of Indiana as a representative from Gibson County. Mr. Bird was married in 1853, to Cordelia Robb, who had three children and died in 1873. In 1874 he wedded Maria Sommers, who

departed this life in 1879, and in 1880, he led to the marriage altar Frances McCullough. Socially, Mr. Bird is a Master Mason, and has been a life-long member and active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His public record, his business career and his private life are alike above reproach and his history is that of a man who has faithfully performed all duties and been ever true to the trust reposed in him.

ALFRED W. SPRAGUE is engaged in the practice of law in Owensville. When one engages in commercial pursuits they may have the advantage of carrying on a business already established, but in professional life, merit alone must win advancement, and success is gained only by laborious effort, close application and superior ability. The possession of these qualities has enabled Mr. Sprague to gain a foremost place in the ranks of the legal fraternity in Gibson County, and he now has a large clientage.

Mr. Sprague was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 10th of September, 1838, and is a son of Alden and Sophronia (Eklredge) Sprague, natives of New Hampshire. The father was a physician and after preparing for the medical profession in the Granite State engaged in practice for many years in Little Rock, Arkansas. He died April 7, 1847, and his wife passed away December 5, 1853, at the age of forty-seven years. In early life Mr. Sprague attended the common schools, and at the age of fifteen began clerking, which he followed for a few years. Subsequently, he taught school in Mount Carmel, Illinois, and then came to Indiana, where he followed the same vocation for many years. In 1862 he was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for thirteen years, discharging his duties in a most acceptable and creditable manner. This awakened in him a deep interest in the legal profession and he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1876. In 1875 he was appointed land appraiser of Montgomery township, and was twice elected to the same position, where in the discharge of his duties he manifested the same loyalty that he has ever characterized his public career. On the 7th of February, 1861, Mr. Sprague was united in marriage to Miss Permelia Simpson, a daughter of James Simpson, of Gibson County, and their union was blessed with nine children, five of whom are yet living, namely: Sophronia, Leicester, James A., John D., Addie H. and Horace A. Mr. Sprague and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. Of the Masonic Fraternity and Odd Fellows' Society he is a valued member, and has represented both organizations in the Grand Lodge. His professional ability, his honorable business methods and his upright life have gained him prestige in the community where he makes his home and it is with pleasure that we present this record of his career to our readers.

CHARLES H. LEONARD, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Owensville, who has been prominently identified with the interests of Gibson County for many years, was born in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, on the 3d of June, 1841, and is a son of C. F. and Lucretia (Knowles) Leonard, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of Kentucky. Both are now deceased. Mr. Leonard of this review was reared in his native city and acquired his education in Wabash College. At the age of fifteen he started out in life for himself and has since been dependent upon his own resources. For a time he was employed in the First National Bank of Mt. Vernon, and afterward engaged in clerking for his father for a few years, purchased the business, which he conducted on his own account from the spring of 1867 until 1877. At the latter date he embarked in the boot and shoe business in Evansville, Indiana, carrying on operations along that line until his removal to Owensville. Here he accepted a position as salesman in the general mercantile store of F. M. Welborn, in whose employ he remained for nine years. On the expiration of that period he once more embarked in business for himself, carrying on his store until 1889, when he was appointed trustee by the county commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of J. J. Smith. He discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity and left the office as he had entered it with the confidence and goodwill of the public. On the 30th of June, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Leonard and Miss Florence M. Gorman, daughter of Colonel George W. Gorman. Their union has been blessed with one child, Manning E. Mr. Leonard is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Masonic Fraternity, and he and his wife hold membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They have a pleasant home in Owensville, the chief charm of which is their warm-hearted hospitality, which they extend to their many friends. In politics, Mr. Leonard is a Republican, and during the late war manifested his loyalty to the government by service with the one hundred-day troops under Colonel Foster. His duties of citizenship have ever been promptly and faithfully performed. His life has been well spent, his genial manner enables him to make friends easily, and when once a friendship is gained it is always his.

GEORGE T. KENEIPP is a progressive and public-spirited citizen of Owensville, who is now serving as trustee of Montgomery Township. He is one of the native sons of Gibson County, and was born on the 11th of April, 1853, his parents being Robert and America (Lucas) Keneipp, early settlers of this locality. The father was born in Erie County, Ohio, and on coming to Gibson County located on a farm which he continued to cultivate for a number of years. For some time previous to his death he also conducted a general mercantile store in Owensville, and was one

of the enterprising citizens of the community. His life labors were ended December 16, 1894.

Mr. Kencipp of this sketch acquired his education in the public schools and spent the days of his childhood upon the family homestead, assisting in the labors of the farm. He continued there until twenty-nine years of age, when he began farming on his own account. He purchased eighty-seven acres of land and from time to time has added to this property until he now owns one hundred and eighty-one acres, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation and yields to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon it. In August, 1896, he was appointed trustee of Montgomery Township to fill out the unexpired term of H. W. Mauck, and in the acceptable discharge of his duties has won the commendation of all concerned.

On the 20th of October, 1875, Mr. Kencipp led to the marriage altar Miss Kittie H. Matthews, a daughter of Henry Matthews, a native of England. By this union have been born six children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken. They are Arthur, Harvey, Enos, Lucretia, Elsa and Zella. Mr. Kencipp is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican Party. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are held in high esteem in the community where they have long resided.

LEWIS L. POTTER is the efficient station agent at Owensville, and his courteous and obliging manner has made him very popular with the citizens of this place. He was born in Grayville, Illinois, December 27, 1868, and is a son of Rev. Lemuel and Lydia (Humphrey) Potter, of Illinois. His parents are both living and since 1888 have resided in Fort Branch, Gibson County. The father has devoted many years of his life to the work of the ministry.

Lewis L. Potter, whose name introduces the initial paragraph of this review, is indebted to the public school system for his educational privileges. No event of special importance occurred during his boyhood and youth, which were quietly passed on his father's farm. In 1888 he came to Gibson county, locating in Princeton, where he remained until September, 1889. In March, 1890 he went to Alabama, spending a short time in the south. On the expiration of that period he returned to Gibson County and accepted the position of station agent at Owensville on the Mt. Vernon Branch of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railway. For six years he has served in this capacity, giving satisfaction to the public and to the company which he serves.

Mr. Potter was united in marriage to Miss Alma Rose, a daughter of Lewis S. Rose, of Owensville. She is a lady of culture and

a member of the Baptist Church. In politics, Mr. Potter is a stalwart Democrat, and socially is connected with the Knights of Pythias Fraternity. Cordial in manner and genial in disposition, all who know him entertain for him warm regard, and he has a large circle of friends.

SYLVESTER SELBY, a farmer and stock dealer of Gibson County, was born in Pike County, Indiana, on the 7th of June, 1855, and is one of the nine children of Jerry A. and Ella (Hardin) Selby. The mother died on the 24th of February, 1874. No event of special importance occurred during the childhood and youth of Sylvester Selby, who was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, early becoming familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools. He came to Gibson County on the 2nd of August, 1877, and engaged in farming and stock dealing, which he has since continued. He owns here a valuable tract of land of two hundred and fifty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, the well tilled fields returning to him a golden tribute for the care and labor he bestows upon them. He raises good grades of stock and in all his dealings he is known as a man of the utmost reliability. On the 17th of April, 1877, Mr. Selby was united in marriage to Miss Ida Sullivan, a daughter of Archie Sullivan, of Evansville, and they now have one child, born on the 2nd of February, 1878. Mr. Selby is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political support is given the Republican party, but he has had neither time nor inclination for public office, preferring to devote his energies to his business interests, which being well conducted along honorable lines has brought to him a comfortable competence.

WILLIAM STERNE is the active manager and senior member of the firm of William Sterne & Co., dealers in hardware in Owensville. He was born in Gibson County, March 16, 1859, and is one of a family of six children, whose parents are Samuel and Katie (Armstrong) Sterne. He obtained his education in the common schools, and during his boyhood learned the tinner's trade, which pursuit he has since followed as a life work. By industry, perseverance and economy he at length acquired the capital which enabled him to engage in business on his own account, and in 1889 he established his store in Owensville. Here he carries a large line of shelf and heavy hardware, tinware and agricultural implements, his stock being valued at about thirty-five hundred dollars. Mr. Sterne was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hart, a daughter of Dave Hart, of Gibson County, who died in June, 1893. They had one child, Richie. Mrs. Sterne was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and an estimable lady, who had a large circle of warm friends. Mr. Sterne holds

membership in the Odd Fellows society, and is also a valued member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party; and is a wide-awake, progressive citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of the community and giving a hearty and commendable endorsement to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN F. SHARP, of Owensville, is a representative of one of the honored pioneers of Gibson County. Seventy-three years have come and gone during his residence here, during which he has witnessed the growth and development of the county, and has aided in its progress. He has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, while towns and villages have sprung up and the region, once uninhabited and unimproved, has become the abiding place of a thrifty and contented people. His support has been given to measures calculated to prove of public benefit, and he justly deserves mention among those who laid the foundation for the present prosperity of the county. His parents, M. and Nancy Sharp, were both natives of Maryland and at a very early day settled on the frontier in Gibson County, where on the 19th of October, 1823, their son Joseph was born. He acquired his education in the primitive schools and during his boyhood assisted in the labors of the fields, since which time he has continuously followed farming as a life work. His career has been one of industry and the prosperity he has achieved is entirely the reward of his own labors. Mr. Sharp has been three times married, his first union being with Margaret A. Yerkes. After her death he wedded Nancy J. Montgomery, widow of Thomas Walker, and for his third wife he chose Fannie Stevens. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party.

JOHN M. SMITH has passed the allotted age of three score years and ten, and now in his declining life is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of former labor. There are few to-day in Gibson County who have so long been residents of this locality, but he is one of the native sons of the county, and a representative of a prominent pioneer family. He was born on the old family homestead, then situated on the frontier, October 10, 1822, and is a son of Andrew and Ezina (Stone) Smith, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Virginia. They located in Gibson County in 1818, and were esteemed members of the pioneer community. John M. Smith was reared here amid the wild scenes of pioneer life and with the family, consisting of parents and eleven children, experienced the usual hardships and trials incident to establishing a home in the far west. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began farming and has turned the furrows

in many a field, preparing it for the spring planting. Throughout his life he has been connected with agricultural pursuits and his farm, by its neat and thrifty appearance has given indication of his thrift and enterprise. In his early manhood Mr. Smith married Miss Sallie McCray, but after a short time she was called to her final rest and on the 16th of March, 1848, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Mauck, by whom he had three children—Menoia, William H. and James T. For his third wife, Mr. Smith married Miss Rhody Malone, and they had three children—Howard, Sallie and Bettie. They also had a step-child, William A. Mauck. His last wife died July 5, 1892. Mr. Smith has long given his political support to the Democracy, but has never sought nor desired political preferment, desiring rather to give his entire time and attention to his business interest, in which he has met with a fair degree of success. He holds membership in the Baptist Church, and his life is in harmony with his professions. Those who know him esteem him highly for his many excellent characteristics, and he has many friends.

WILLIAM B. KIMBALL, a retired farmer living in Owensville, was born in Posey County, Indiana, on the 12th of June, 1826, and is a son of E. and Mary (Boyle) Kimball, both of whom were natives of Kentucky and are now deceased. He was reared on the family homestead and during the civil war entered the Union army as a member of Company F, Thirty-third Indiana Infantry, under command of Captain Polk. He participated in the battle of Wild Cat and Cumberland Gap, and at the latter place received a medal in recognition of his valiant service. For two years he remained at the front as a faithful defender of the old flag and then returned home, but after one year re-enlisted and served for three months in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Indiana Infantry. When Mr. Kimball finally laid aside his coat of blue to don the civilian's garb, he established a home in Princeton, where he engaged in the tin and sheet iron business, which he profitably conducted until 1890. He is now living a retired life in Owensville, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labors. The essential elements in his success were an industry that overcame all obstacles and an unwavering adherence to honorable business principles. On the 7th of June, 1849, Mr. Kimball was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Meadows. After the death of his first wife he wedded Irene P. Pollard, the marriage being celebrated in July, 1882. He is a member of the Christian Church, his wife of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Grand Army of the Republic. Throughout life he has discharged his duties with the same loyalty which marked his career when on southern battle fields he followed the stars and stripes. He has the genuine regard of all who know him and well deserves mention in the history of his adopted county.

WARRICK SMITH, who for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Gibson County, but is now living retired, was born on the 23d of September, 1821, and is a son of Dr. Willis J. and Martha C. (Warrick) Smith. The mother was a daughter of Captain J. Warrick. The father, a graduate of the medical college of Danville, Kentucky, practiced medicine for many years, and died in 1845. Mr. Smith of this review obtained his education in the common schools near his home and was reared to farm life. At the age of twenty-one he began farming on his own account and has made it his life work, prosecuting his labors with diligence and perseverance. He owns a valuable farm of one hundred acres, and in connection with his sons owns eight hundred acres additional. He started out in life for himself empty-handed, but has steadily worked his way upward, winning the success that comes through persistent effort and unflagging industry. Mr. Smith has been twice married. On the 19th of February, 1856, he wedded Margaret M. Simpson, by whom he had five children, namely: John W., George W., Lillie and two now deceased. The mother of this family was called to her final rest, and on the 28th of July, 1865, he married Serakla J. Brothers, a daughter of Hudson B. Brothers. They hold membership in the Baptist Church and are people of sterling worth, who have many warm friends in the community. Mr. Smith also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is an advocate of free silver. His long identification with the interests of Gibson County and his upright life have made him widely and favorably known, and it is with pleasure that we present the record of his career to our readers.

THOMAS H. EMMERSON, county commissioner of Gibson County, and one of its native sons, was born January 18, 1851, his parents being James L. and Nancy (Mounts) Emmerson. Their family numbered eleven children, nine of whom are yet living. The common schools afforded him his early educational privileges, and reading and study in later years have made him a well informed man, while in the school of experience he has also learned many practical and valuable lessons. In his early manhood he worked as a farm hand and also followed school teaching for a year. In November, 1892, Mr. Emmerson was elected a member of the board of county commissioners, and his service in that capacity was most satisfactory to the public and creditable to himself. He labored to advance the best interests of the community and his ability and fidelity made him a valued official. In 1895 he embarked in the general hardware business in Owensville, forming a partnership with Frank Emmerson. They carry a stock valued at two thousand dollars and have a good store, which supplies the demands of the public in this section of the county. By study of the public taste and by straightforward business methods they have secured a liberal patronage, which is

constantly increasing. On the 1st of January, 1880, Mr. Emerson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Montgomery, who died on the 27th of January, 1896, leaving two children—Vivian H. and Verry. One child of that marriage is also deceased. Mr. Emerson gives his political support to the Republican party, and is a warm advocate of its principles. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Tribe of Ben Hur, and is also a member of the Christian Church.

JOHN F. SMITH, once a banker of Owensville, was one whose life record contained many valuable lessons, as demonstrated what can be accomplished through determined purpose, continued effort and the pursuit of honorable business methods. He was one of Gibson County's native sons, his birth having occurred on his father's farm December 25, 1853. During his boyhood he worked at the plow and aided in the other labors that fell to the lot of the agriculturist. His elementary education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by a course in the State Normal School of Terre Haute, Indiana. On completing his education, Mr. Smith at once turned his attention to a business career, and embarked in general merchandising in Owensville, where he profitably conducted a store for eight years. Within that time he not only demonstrated himself to be a progressive, enterprising business man of sound judgment, but also won the public confidence by his thorough reliability at all times and his strict regard for the ethics of commercial life, so that when he engaged in the banking business he soon secured a liberal support. In 1889 he formed a partnership with R. P. McGinnis, and opened the bank in Owensville which he conducted four years. The relation between these gentlemen continued up to the time of the death of Mr. Smith, which occurred September 11, 1893, and their undertaking proved a successful one. On the 27th of April, 1876, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Cleo Bird, of Owensville, a daughter of Jacob F. Bird, and a cultured lady who has many friends in this community. Two children were born of their union—Claude A. and Mabel. Mr. Smith was a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and held membership in the Christian Church. He gave his support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit, took an active interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare, and was a man whom to know was to honor, for his life was ever upright and unclouded by shadow of wrong.

MANOAH SMITH, a retired farmer of Gibson County and an honored citizen of Owensville, was born in Kentucky, January 22, 1824, and is one of the nine children of Andrew and Asenath (Stone) Smith. His boyhood days were spent in the usual manner of farmer lads at that period and his education was acquired in the common schools. His parents removed to Gibson County

when he was two years of age and he was reared here amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, sharing in its trials and hardships and assisting in the arduous task of developing a new farm. On attaining his majority he embarked in farming for himself. He purchased forty acres of land, four years later added to it another forty-acre tract, and when three years more had passed he purchased one hundred acres, making in all a good farm of one hundred and eighty acres. A few years subsequent he purchased one hundred and eighty acres of the Reuben Emmerson homestead and is now the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of valuable farming land and four acres in the town of Owensville. Mr. Smith has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Martha Emmerson, by whom he had two children—William L. and Eliza J. After the death of his first wife he married Martha Benson, a daughter of William Benson, of Kentucky. Their wedding was celebrated November 4, 1854, and was blessed with seven children, namely: John F., who died September 11, 1893; Zerilda R., wife of B. Forbes; Cordelia Dorson; Columbus B., Ulysses R.; Mary Della; Marguerite E. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is a Prohibitionist. Their home is one of the finest residences in Owensville and stands as a monument to the industry and enterprise of the owner. Diligence has brought to him success, and though he started out in life empty-handed, he has steadily worked his way upward to a position of affluence. For more than seventy years he has resided in Gibson County, and is to-day one of its oldest and most honored pioneers, his name being closely interwoven with the history of its agricultural interests.

WILLIAM MATTHEWS, an honored citizen of Owensville, and a worthy pioneer of Gibson County, who is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, was born in London, England, in November, 1814. His parents, Ephraim and Ann (Randall) Matthews, were also natives of England, and had a family of six children. In 1832 they crossed the Atlantic to America, landing in New York city, where the father worked at the tailor's trade until his death, which occurred in 1836. William Matthews spent the days of his boyhood in the land of his birth, and at the age of eighteen accompanied his parents to America. He left New York for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and worked at the tailor's trade there for two years, after which he removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he went to Louisville, Kentucky, thence to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and later opened a tailoring establishment in Brandon, Mississippi, where he remained for two years. On receiving news of his father's death he closed out his business there and returned to New York, where he remained until 1837, when he came to Gibson County, Indiana, reaching his destination on the 13th of August. In

Owensville he embarked in the tailoring business, and was continuously engaged in that enterprise until 1888, when, after more than a half century of active identification with the commercial interests of this place, he retired to private life. On the 15th of November, 1837, Mr. Matthews was united in marriage to Miss Eliza A. Malone, daughter of James Malone, of Kentucky. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and for fifty years was to her husband a faithful companion and helpmeet on life's journey, but death entered their happy home and the wife departed this life November 29, 1888. They were parents of the following named children: Cornelius, William, Alfred; Ann, wife of Ralph Smart; Lucinda; Mary, wife of Thomas Sumner; William, who was killed at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862, while serving in the Union army. Cornelius, who is now living in Owensville, was also one of the boys in blue and was wounded in the leg at the battle of Perryville. In politics Mr. Matthews is a stalwart Jackson Democrat. His life has been one of industry and his earnest toil has brought to him a comfortable competence. He has ever taken a commendable interest in the welfare of the community and its advancement and is numbered among those honored pioneers whose devotion to public and private duty has led to the stable growth and prosperity of the community.

EPIRAIM MATTHEWS is now living a retired life in Owensville. His career demonstrates the possibilities that are offered to a man of enterprise, industry and good management, and he has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man. He was born in England in 1820, and when about ten years of age accompanied his parents on their voyage across the Atlantic to the United States. The family located in New York, and he remained in the eastern metropolis for about eight years, when thinking that the growing west offered better opportunities he made his way to the then village of Chicago. He arrived in that place in 1839, only two years after its incorporation, at which time it gave little promise of its future marvelous development. Mr. Matthews was a confectioner by trade, but as he could not secure employment in that line in Chicago, he turned his attention to brick making, which he followed for two years. On the expiration of that period he went to Buffalo, New York, where he was united in marriage to Miss Delia Sheldon. In 1866 he returned to Chicago, where he continued until after the great fire, which laid the city in ruins. He then located in Detroit, where he engaged in the confectionery business for twenty-four years, during which time he was connected with several large houses, engaged in that line of manufacture. His fidelity to every trust reposed in him, his thorough understanding of his trade, his steady application and his well known reliability have been the factors which

have brought to him the competence which now enables him to live retired. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, which was celebrated December 24, 1842, was blessed with six children, three of whom are living, namely: John S., James A. and Hattie. They lost one son, William, who was born December 26, 1843, and was killed at the battle of Morris Island, on the 18th of July, 1863. The mother of this family was called to her final rest February 13, 1883. Both Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were long and faithful members of the Baptist Church. He has now rounded the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten and in his life record there is much that is worthy of emulation; he has made the most of his opportunities, has lived so as to command the respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and is well deserving of mention in this volume.

THOMAS M. GOOCH is one of the honored pioneers of Gibson County, who for sixty years has been a witness of its growth and development. He has also aided in its advancement, and to all matters calculated to prove of public benefit has given a hearty endorsement and support. He is now the senior member of the firm of Gooch & Bell, grocers of Owensville, and is both widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mr. Gooch was born on the 7th of November, 1814, and is a son of John and Mary (Walters) Gooch, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, whence they emigrated to Gibson County in 1834. Here they located on a farm, which continued to be their home until called to their final rest, the father passing away in 1841, while the mother departed this life in 1861. On the home stead farm of the family, Thomas M. Gooch was reared and in the common schools his education was acquired. He early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and after the arrival of the family in Indiana aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He continued with his parents until about thirty-three years of age, working in field and meadow and then turned his attention to the manufacture of brick, which industry he carried on in connection with the boot and shoe business. Subsequently he resumed farming, operating his land, and at the same time conducting other enterprises. At length, however, he sold his farm and established a grocery store in Owensville, which he has since conducted, his partner being F. M. Bell. They carry a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, and the firm enjoys a most enviable reputation for thorough reliability. Mr. Gooch was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann Lechner, and their union has been blessed by two children, Catherine and Louisa. The parents have long been faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are people of the highest respectability. Mr. Gooch gives his political support to the Republican party, but has never

sought nor desired official preferment. In his business dealings he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and the success he has achieved is the fitting reward of his own labors. Through the long years of his connection with Gibson County his life record has been unclouded by shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and he well deserves mention among the honored pioneers.

W. A. SPECK is a representative of the mercantile interests of Owensville, and in his life record there is an exemplification of what can be accomplished through diligence and earnest application, guided by sound judgment. He was born in Prussia on the 17th of February, 1829, and is a son of Carl and Dorothea (Norse) Speck. In their family were four children, two of whom are yet living, and there is also a half brother who survives—A. C. Rosencreek. In the land of his nativity, W. A. Speck passed his boyhood midst play and work. In 1851 he determined to seek a home and fortune in America and crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Three years later he took up his residence in Owensville, and later embarked in general merchandising, which he has since successfully followed. He carries a stock valued at about five thousand dollars, and his line of goods is up to date. His honorable dealing has secured him the continued support of many patrons and he is now enjoying a large trade. In August, 1861, Mr. Speck was joined in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth Schelosky, and of their union have been born three children—Rudolph C., Laura M. and Eloise A. The parents hold membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Speck was for many years a Democrat, but now votes independently. His record is one well worthy of emulation, for his integrity is above question and his public and private life are alike above reproach. He has never had occasion to regret his emigration to America, for here he has prospered in his business, secured a comfortable home and won many friends.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Owensville, has secured a leading place among the prominent physicians of Gibson County. He was born in Vanderburgh county, Indiana, January 25, 1857, and is a son of Simon and Lavina Williams, whose family numbered twelve children, six of whom are yet living. In his early boyhood he attended the common schools and subsequently continued his literary education in the State University in Bloomington, Indiana, until twenty years of age. In the winter of 1877-8 he served as principal of the Haubstadt high school and proved an able and successful educator, but it was his earnest desire to make the medical profession his life work, and to this end he entered the medical school of Cincinnati, in 1878. He was afterward a student in the Clinical Medical College, and was graduated in the Eclectic

Medical Institute in 1881. Being thus ably fitted for his chosen profession, Dr. Williams located in Fort Branch, where he engaged in practice for a year. He then removed to Owensville, where he has since resided, and from the public he has received a liberal patronage. His knowledge of the science of medicine is accurate and comprehensive, and he takes great delight in reading and study, which adds to his proficiency in that direction. His success as a practitioner ranks him among the leading physicians of the community. He has made judicious investments in real estate and owns several residences. On the 1st of November, 1883, Dr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Montgomery, a daughter of James Montgomery. They have one child, Gertrude, a little maiden of seven years. They hold membership in the Baptist Church, and in social circles occupy an enviable position, while their own home is noted for its hospitality. The Doctor is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias Fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in politics is a Democrat.

JOHN L. SHORT is engaged in the furniture business in Owensville, where he has a well equipped store, carrying a large and carefully selected stock of everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. His stock is valued at two thousand dollars and from the public he receives a liberal patronage, which he well merits. In his business dealings he has the strictest regard for the ethics of commercial life and his integrity is above question, while his enterprise, capable management and perseverance have been the important elements in his business. Mr. Short was born in Evansville, Indiana, June 15, 1850, one of the four children of Lewis W. and Lucinda (Kirkpatrick) Short, his parents being among the first settlers in Evansville. He attended the common schools in his early boyhood, and at the age of fifteen became connected with the furniture trade, in which line of operations he has since continued. On the 9th of November, 1876, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Short and Miss Sallie Massey, a daughter of Abraham Massey. She died October 10, 1893. The children of that marriage are Noble A., Porter F., Nellie B., Gracie L., John P., deceased; Paul L., Leila F. and Roy D. For his second wife Mr. Short chose Miss Nora Emmerson, a daughter of James Emmerson, of Gibson county, the wedding being celebrated October 14, 1895. Mr. Short is a member of the M. E. Church, and his wife of the Christian Church. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and gives his political support to the Republican party. He ranks among the valued citizens and leading business men of Owensville, and has the respect of all.

JOHN T. FOGAS, who is engaged in the drug business in Owensville, was born in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, on the 28th of May,

1867, a son of Andrew C. and Mary E. (Heiman) Fogas, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father is a cigar manufacturer and dealer of Mt. Vernon. The son attended the common schools and was prepared for his present business by one year's study in St. Louis, after which he graduated at a school of pharmacy in Chicago, in the class of 1891. He then returned to his native city, where he secured a clerkship in a drug store, being thus employed for about four years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Fogas came to Owensville in 1895, and established a drug store here. It is modern in its appointments, most fully equipped, and the stock is valued at twenty-five hundred dollars. The proprietor, by his straightforward dealing, reliable business methods and uniform courtesy to his patrons, has secured a large trade, which is steadily increasing. In November, 1892, Mr. Fogas led to the marriage altar Miss Ida L. Lichtenberger, a daughter of William Lichtenberger, of Mt. Vernon, and their home is blessed by the presence of one daughter, Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Fogas hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and occupy an enviable position in social circles, where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. Mr. Fogas is a Republican in politics, and is a valued member of the Odd Fellows' society and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is an enterprising, progressive business man of strong determination and his success is the reward of his own labors.

JOHN W. HARMON, the senior member of the firm of Harmon & Wallace, millers and grain dealers of Owensville, is a son of Barton and Elizabeth A. (Simpson) Harmon. He was born January 18, 1840, on his father's farm in Gibson County, and during his youth assisted in the labors and cultivation of the old homestead, also pursued his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. When twenty-eight years of age he began dealing in stock and for four years devoted his energies to that pursuit. On the expiration of that period he became interested in general merchandising in Owensville, as a member of the firm of Welborn & Harmon, a partnership which was continued for two years, when a third member was admitted to the firm and the name changed to Welborn, Harmon & Co. Soon after Mr. Harmon withdrew and embarked in the brokerage business, which he continued for four years, when he once more engaged in general merchandising, as a member of the firm of Pruitt & Harmon, which did business in Owensville until 1878. He then traded his interest in the mercantile establishment for a half interest in the mill which he now owns and operates. The mill has a capacity of about seventy-five barrels of flour per day and the excellent product which is turned out commands a high market price. Mr. Harmon is also engaged in dealing in grain and this branch of his business also adds materially to his income. On the 29th of

September, 1872, Mr. Harmon was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Pruitt, now deceased, by whom he had one son, Harvey. On the 12th of December, 1878, he was married in Lincoln, Illinois, to Miss Nancy E., daughter of Heard Musick. In his political adherence Mr. Harmon is a Democrat, and believes in the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He was elected as County Assessor of Montgomery County in the year 1863, and served for four years, faithfully discharging the duties of the office. He holds membership with the Baptist Church, and lends his aid and influence to all matters calculated to advance the educational, moral or material welfare of the community.

DAVID WALLACE.—The prosperity and advancement of a community depends upon its commercial activity, which is the result of the enterprising efforts of its business men. One of the leading and influential citizens of Owensville is the gentleman whose name introduces this review, a partner in the well known milling firm of Harmon & Wallace. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 8, 1856, and is a son of David B. and Eliza (Furnish) Wallace, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They became acquainted while crossing the Atlantic to America, being passengers on the same ship, and were married in this country. They had four daughters, all now deceased, and two sons, David and Adam. The father was also a miller by occupation. David Wallace spent his boyhood days in Dale, Indiana, and attended the public schools. He subsequently engaged in teaching and later was a student in Lincoln University of Lincoln, Illinois. He then pursued a course of study in Nelson's Business College of Cincinnati, Ohio, in which institution he was later employed as teacher for a year. His next service was as a book-keeper in that city, in which capacity he served for three years, and in 1885 he removed to Omaha, Nebraska, but after a short time returned to Indiana. In 1886 he came to Owensville and embarked in the milling business, as a partner of S. F. Scott, his brother-in-law. This connection was continued for a year and a half, when Mr. Scott sold out to Mr. Harmon, and the firm of Harmon & Wallace was established. They are now doing a good business, having a large trade which yields to them a comfortable income. They follow the most improved processes in milling, and their courteous treatment of patrons and their honorable dealing insures them continued success. Mr. Wallace married Lorette C. Scott, of Owensville, Indiana, who died in 1889, leaving one child, Lloyd. Mr. Wallace is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, but has neither time nor inclination for political office, preferring to give his attention to his business interests, in which he is meeting with a well merited prosperity.

GEORGE R. WELBORN, who is engaged in general mer-

chandising in Owensville, is a progressive, enterprising business man, who manifests in his career the spirit of advancement which characterizes the west. He was born in Owensville, April 7, 1868, and almost his entire life has here been passed. He is a son of Frank M. and Nora (Robb) Welborn, well known citizens of Gibson County. His elementary education, acquired in the public schools of his native city, was supplemented by a course in De Pauw University, where he pursued his studies from 1886 until the spring of 1891, when he was graduated from the law department and admitted to the bar. He began practice in connection with Hon. J. E. McCollough, of Indianapolis, then of Princeton, but afterward went to Evansville, Indiana, where he spent one year in the brokerage business. He then returned to Owensville, and in October, 1891, purchased the general merchandise stock of F. M. Welborn & Co., one of the oldest business firms of this place. He is widely and favorably known and his personal popularity, combined with his strict regard for the ethics of business life, has won him a constantly increasing patronage. Mr. Welborn was married in 1893 to Miss Lillian Heston, daughter of Joseph Heston. Socially, he is a Master Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat. In the community where his entire life has been passed he has many warm friends and is regarded as one of the leading factors in the commercial interests of Owensville, while in the history of Gibson County he is certainly deserving of honorable mention.

FRANK P. GORMAN, editor of the Owensville Gleaner, was born in Frankfort, Indiana, August 17, 1873, and is a son of James U. and Minnie (Donah) Gorman. His father was born and reared in Owensville, and became a lawyer by profession. Locating in Frankfort, Indiana, he rose to prominence at the bar, but ill health forced him to abandon his chosen vocation, and he died in Owensville in 1885. Mrs. Gorman, a native of Princeton, has since married Dr. Joseph V. Vollmer, of Hutchinson, Minnesota. Frank P. Gorman is the eldest of the three children born of the first marriage. He completed his literary education by his graduation from the high school in Hutchinson in 1891, and then took up the printer's trade, which he followed in various newspaper offices in the northwest. In February, 1895, he came to Owensville, and became editor of the Gleaner, which he has since published. This paper was established on the 20th of October, 1880, by J. C. Gorman and A. L. Kelly, but the latter gentleman was identified with the paper for only one year. The Gleaner is independent in politics and is devoted to the local interests of Owensville and Gibson County. It is a well edited sheet, neat in appearance and shows the supervision of one who thoroughly understands his business. It now has a circulation of eight hundred copies and is published weekly. Mr. Gorman exer-

cises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias Fraternity. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he manifests a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and through the columns of his paper supports all worthy measures for the public good.

LEWIS P. HOBGOOD, who is now serving as postmaster of Owensville, was born in Webster County, Kentucky, May 18, 1858, a son of Lewis P. and Mary (Chandler) Hobgood. His father was a native of North Carolina, and a son of Thomas G. Hobgood, whose birth occurred in the same state, but who came of a family of French origin. He removed to Kentucky, and became one of the pioneers of Hopkins County. The mother moved from North Carolina. They were of Irish lineage. of our subject was a native of Kentucky, to which state her people Lewis P. Hobgood was one of a family of twelve children, and was reared on his father's farm, where he early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the public schools, was a student in Princeton College of Princeton, Kentucky, and afterward graduated from the Normal School of Nebo, Kentucky. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, which profession he successfully followed for three years. He then embarked in merchandising, and for four years carried on that pursuit in Vanderburg, Kentucky, after which he came to Owensville, in 1880. Through the succeeding ten years he followed general merchandising here and has since been engaged in dealing in railroad timber. On the 6th of May, 1893, he was commissioned postmaster and his able administration of the affairs of the office has won him universal commendation. In 1886 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Hobgood and Miss Lizzie Hauss, of Philadelphia. They have three children—Jessie, Frank and Maggie. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and are people of the highest respectability. Mr. Hobgood holds membership in the Knights of Pythias Fraternity, and in politics is a Democrat. In disposition he is genial, in manner courteous and affable, and those who know him recognize the true worth of his character, and therefore entertain for him the highest regard.

TIMOTHY N. TICHENOR, deceased, was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1827, and died in Owensville, in 1895. His father, Daniel Tichenor, was also a native of Kentucky, and a pioneer settler of this county. Timothy N. Tichenor remained in his native state until he had attained his majority, and in 1848 located in Gibson county. He was the first blacksmith to locate permanently in Owensville, and there he worked at the anvil until 1870, commanding a large share of the public patronage. In that year he embarked in the saw mill business, which he followed for some time and then turned his attention to farming, which he car-

ried on until his death. He was a man of energy and industry, and applied himself with diligence to everything he undertook. His earnest labor and honorable dealing brought to him prosperity, and though he afterward lost some of his property he was in very comfortable circumstances at the time of his death. His life was honorable, and all who knew him respected him for his sterling worth. Mr. Tichenor was married in 1849, the lady of his choice being Mary E. Huddleson, a native of Gibson County, who still survives him and is now living in Owensville. By their marriage were born eight children.

W. H. TICHENOR, a son of Timothy N. Tichenor, was born in Owensville, October 8, 1850, and was reared to manhood in his parents' home. He acquired his education in the public schools, and in his father's shop learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has since followed. He embarked in business on his own account in 1873, and has successfully conducted his smithy, winning from the public a liberal patronage, which he well merits. His work is always done in the most thorough and efficient manner, and his business methods are above question. In politics his support is given the Republican party, and socially he is connected with the Masonic Fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In 1874 Mr. Tichenor was united in marriage to Louisa Lucas, who died in 1884, leaving three children—Belle, Nellie and Ethel. In 1886, Mr. Tichenor was joined in wedlock with Elizabeth Barker, and they had four children, of whom two are living, Wallace and Erna. Mr. Tichenor belongs to the Baptist Church.

ALFRED PRITCHETT, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Gibson County, is a son of Elisha and Elizabeth (Rutledge) Pritchett, and was born on the 14th of July, 1841, on the family homestead. His father's farm was the playground of his youth, and he there also received his training for his own business career. When old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields, and has since carried on farming, being now known as one of the leading agriculturists of the county. His interests are managed with system and his work is diligently prosecuted, so that he has won success in his undertakings. His land is under a high state of cultivation, and the well tilled fields yield to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon them. His farming labors, however, were interrupted in 1862, when at the age of twenty-one years he responded to the call of his country and went forth to aid in suppressing the rebellion. He was assigned to duty with Company E, Forty-second Indiana Infantry, under Captain Henry, and continued at the front until the stars and stripes waved victoriously over the capital of the Confederacy. Mr. Pritchett was united in marriage in 1866 to Miss Catherine Summers, a daughter of Richard Summers. They had two chil-

dren, one of whom is now living—Anna L., wife of S. Alcorn, of Gibson County. Mrs. Pritchett died and our subject has since married Fannie Yeager, by whom he has two children—Ella and Lester. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett are consistent Christian people, the former holding membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, the latter with the Baptist Church. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never sought office, his energies being devoted to his business pursuits. He is a man of sterling worth, of generous impulses, of devotion to the right and in business dealings his name is a synonym of honor.

HUGH D. MCGARY is one of the enterprising, wide-awake business men of Gibson County, who now follows general merchandising at McGary Station. He was born on the 7th of February, 1840, and is a son of Harrison D. and Nancy McGary. His education was acquired in the common schools and his boyhood days were spent on the home farm, assisting in the labors of field and meadow. Hardly had the guns of Fort Sumter announced to the nation the opening of the Civil war, when with patriotic loyalty he responded to President Lincoln's call for troops and enlisted on the 24th of May, 1861, as a member of Company D, Sixteenth Indiana Infantry. For four years he followed the old flag on southern battle fields as a faithful defender of the Union cause and was then honorably discharged in June, 1865. Returning to his home, Mr. McGary began farming and for a number of years successfully carried on agricultural pursuits. He left the farm to enter upon the discharge of the duties of County Sheriff, in which capacity he served until 1888, when he retired from office as he entered it, with the confidence and good will of the public. In 1889 he established his general merchandise store at McGary Station, which town was founded by him. He carries a well assorted stock to meet the demands of the trade in this locality and has a good business, which is constantly increasing. He is a man of determined purpose and untiring energy, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Mr. McGary was married on the 26th of September, 1867, to Miss Sarah A. Reed, daughter of Z. M. Reed, and they have three children—Zenas C., Charles C. and Maud. The parents hold membership in the Baptist Church, and have a wide circle of friends in this community. Mr. McGary gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, with which he has affiliated since attaining his majority. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grand Army of the Republic, and is as true to his duties of citizenship in time of peace as when he followed the old flag on southern battle fields.

AUGUST RODEMANN was born in Preus Minden, Ger-

many, August 8, 1841. His parents were Herman and Charlotte C. (Korff) Rodemann. They lived and died in Germany. Of their thirteen children the following emigrated to America, namely: Heinrich, Frederick and August. Frederick was the first to leave the fatherland. He settled in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, where he has long since resided and followed agricultural pursuits. Heinrich was the second of the brothers to come to this country. He settled in St. Louis, Mo., and there passed to his final rest about eight years ago. August, whom this brief mention concerns, gained a fair common school education in his native land, and at the early age of fifteen years set out for the new world. Shortly after his coming to America, he joined his brother at St. Louis, in which city he accepted the position of a clerk, which he held for about three years, or until the Civil war came on. He proved his loyalty to the country of his adoption, and in April, 1861, at the very beginning of hostilities, he became one of the brave boys in blue. He enlisted as a private in Company C, Second Missouri Rifle Battalion, for a term of three months. At the expiration of the term and forty days more, Mr. Rodemann was honorably discharged, and immediately he set out for home, but on the day of his return home he took sick of typhoid fever, which rendered him physically unable to re-enlist in the service. About the time of the close of the war Mr. Rodemann became a clerk in a mercantile establishment in Evansville, Indiana, and held the position for three years. In the year 1867, he embarked in the grocery business at Evansville, and continued in the same up to 1870, in which year he removed to Fort Branch, where he has since conducted a large general merchandise business. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Rodemann began his business career with no capital other than willing hands and determined energy, he has been successful as a merchant, and the secret of his success rests in his energy and perseverance, together with a frugal and economical practice. He has inducted into his business methods strict probity and integrity. His honest and courteous way of dealing with people has aided him in gaining the confidence of many customers. He is progressive, ever keeping abreast of the times; his well stocked store is abundant evidence of this. January 20, 1868, Mr. Rodemann was united in marriage to Mary C. Biel, who remained his companion for nearly twenty-four years, and then, August 7, 1891, passed away in death, leaving a son, whose name is August W. November 22, 1892, Mr. Rodemann married a second time, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Francisca C. Schmacke, whose maiden name was Weihe. Unto the second marriage two children have been born, namely: Charlotte A. and Francisca C. Mr. Rodemann and his family hold membership in the German Evangelical Church. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, a Republican in politics, a self-made man, and an enterprising, progressive citizen.

JAMES E. TOOPS is a worthy representative of the commercial interests of Gibson County, and belongs to that class of enterprising citizens, who are the glory of our American republic, for their well spent lives, their energetic efforts and reliable business methods bring to them the prosperity which should ever reward honest toil. Mr. Toops is a native of the Hoosier State, his birth having occurred in Floyd County, on the 11th of August, 1867. In pioneer days his people came to this state and his parents, James and Rebecca (Wright) Toops, were both natives of Indiana. They had a family of six sons and one daughter. When the subject of this review was about eight years of age his parents removed to Edwardsport, Knox County, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age. In the common schools he received a fair English education, and in his father's store learned business methods and customs, so that he was well fitted for entrance into commercial life. On attaining his majority he came to Fort Branch and began business as a dealer in poultry and eggs. He entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, B. F. Murphy, and the relations has since been continued, business being conducted under the firm name of Toops & Co. They also conduct a branch house at Princeton, and are doing a large and profitable business, which is constantly increasing. In 1888, Mr. Toops led to the marriage altar Miss Mattie Montgomery, of Edwardsport, Indiana, and they have two children—Roger L. and Mary F. Mr. Toops is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a Republican, and is a man of unquestioned integrity, who in business and social circles is held in the highest regard.

WILLIAM W. FRENCH, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Fort Branch, was born in Princeton, February 9, 1854, a son of James W. and Barbara (Null) French. The father was born in Virginia, in 1816, and is now a resident of Somerville. The grandfather, Dr. Willard French, was a native of the Old Dominion, and a son of one of five brothers, who emigrated from their native England to Virginia in colonial days, settling in a locality known as Bull Skin, in the Shenandoah Valley. The grandfather left the state of his nativity and removed to Hollandsburg, Darke County, Ohio, where he engaged in the practice of medicine for many years. His death occurred in that county. James W. French was reared to manhood in the Buckeye State, and had not yet attained his majority when he came to Gibson County, Indiana. Here he married Miss Null, a native of Somerville. Her father was a pioneer of Gibson County, and belonged to an old Pennsylvania family of German extraction. Mrs. French became the mother of six children, and died under the infancy of her son William. One child died in

infancy, but the others all reached mature years. Dr. William W. French, of this review, remained in Princeton until twelve years of age, and thereafter worked on the farm in summers and attended school in the winter till past eighteen years of age. He became familiar with the duties of an agriculturist and acquired in the outdoor life a physical development that has been of much benefit to him in his professional career. He obtained his literary education in Fort Branch and in Bloomington, but his study in the latter place was interrupted by illness. He afterward taught four terms of school, and in the meantime took up the study of medicine in the office of Dr. W. W. Blair, of Princeton, under whose direction he continued his reading until 1878, when he entered the medical department of the University of Virginia. He was graduated with the class of 1879, and in 1880 located in Fort Branch, where he put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test in the care of a practice that has been constantly increasing as the years have passed. He has won an enviable reputation with the public, and his professional brethren accord him an honorable position in the medical fraternity. The Doctor was married in 1880 to Caroline, daughter of Frank and Louisa Biel, of Gibson County. Nine children were born to them, but one is now deceased. Dr. French votes with the Democratic party, but the demands on his time in the line of his profession prevent him taking an active part in political affairs.

JOHN A. WEST, the popular and progressive cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Fort Branch, has spent his entire life in Gibson County, and not only deserves mention in its history as a representative of one of its pioneer families, but also as an enterprising and worthy citizen who has done all in his power to advance the public welfare. On the farm of his parents, Samuel H. and Catherine (Sidle) West, he was born October 28, 1851. His boyhood days were passed midst play and work and to his father he gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority. His early educational privileges were supplemented by a high school course in Fort Branch, and by one year's study in the State University of Indiana. In the meantime he engaged in teaching school for one year, and upon his return from the university he accepted a clerkship in a drug store in Evansville, filling that position for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period Mr. West formed a partnership with his brother, William L. West, and embarked in the drug business at Fort Branch, conducting the same until the spring of 1889. In 1888 he became the Republican candidate for County Treasurer and as the election returns showed that he was the popular choice for the office he entered upon the discharge of its duties in the fall of 1889. By re-election he served in that capacity for four years, and his promptness, accuracy and ability won him high commend-

ation. In the fall of 1893 he accepted the position of book-keeper in the Farmers' Bank of Princeton, and afterward served as assistant cashier until May, 1896, when he resigned to aid in the organization of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Fort Branch, which was opened July 1, 1896, the only banking establishment in the place. It is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars and among its stockholders are the three brothers, John A., W. L. and S. H. West, Jr. Mr. West was married in 1879 to Miss Emma Tecklenburg, of Evansville, Indiana. Their home is blessed by two children—Herbert A. and Margaret E. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday school of this church since 1892. In Princeton they make their home, having a large circle of warm friends there. Mr. West is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Tribe of Ben Hur, and in politics is a staunch Republican.

WILLIAM L. MELLINGER has for almost a third of a century been a resident of Gibson County, and now makes his home in Fort Branch, where he is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He is also proprietor of the Mellinger Hotel, and his life has been one of industrious activity, bringing with it the success which attends honorable labor when directed by sound judgment. Mr. Mellinger is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Shelby County, January 18, 1849. His parents, John F. and Mary E. (Lenox) Mellinger, were also natives of Shelby County, where their respective parents had located in pioneer days. The Mellingers are of German lineage and the early representatives of the family, on leaving the fatherland, located in Pennsylvania, whence the great-grandfather, William Mellinger, came to Ohio. He first established a home in Dayton, but subsequently removed to Shelby County. The Lenox family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and was founded in Maryland in colonial days. The parents of our subject were married in Shelby County and to them were born four sons and a daughter. In 1866 they came to Gibson County, Indiana, locating six miles north of Princeton, but afterward removed to Patoka, where they spent their remaining days. William L. Mellinger, of this review, was reared on the homestead farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. He started out in life for himself at the age of eighteen, working as a farm hand by the month. In 1869 he married Miss Melvilla J. King, of Gibson County, and located in Patoka, where he worked by the day for two years. He then rented a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits until 1892, in the meantime purchasing seventy-five acres of land in White River township, which he still owns. Failing health caused him to leave the farm in 1892, at which time he removed to Princeton, where he conducted a restaurant for a few months. In November

of that year Mr. Mellinger came to Fort Branch, where he has since conducted the furniture and undertaking business. Mr. Mellinger and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are kindly, benevolent people. Having no children of their own they have reared two adopted children. Mr. Mellinger is a Republican in politics and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Starting out in life empty-handed, he has worked his way steadily upward, overcoming all difficulties and obstacles in his path and reaching the goal of success by perseverance and resolute energy.

W. G. HOPKINS, M. D., is a prominent member of the medical profession and a representative citizen of Gibson County. He resides at Fort Branch, and receives a large and lucrative practice, which is ample evidence of skill and success as a physician. Dr. Hopkins was born in Wayne County, Illinois, August 1, 1844. He gained a liberal literary education and early in life (1865) took up the study of medicine. He completed a three years' course in the Evansville Medical College, and then entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. In after years he took a post graduate course in the Bellevue Medical College of New York, and as he has always been a close student and a progressive practitioner, he has become thoroughly well informed and hence is well prepared for the profession. The Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Emma Porter, and to their union have been born three children--Willard T.; Mabel, deceased; and Stella. The son is a student in the State University at Bloomington, and his purpose is to prepare himself for profession of law. He is a promising young man, who will undoubtedly win success in his chosen calling. In the summer of 1896 he served as president of the McKinley Club of Fort Branch. The Doctor is a member of the Odd Fellows' Society, and in politics is a stalwart Republican, whose allegiance to the party is unwavering. He believes most firmly in the gold standard, and in all those principles which have ever made the Republican the party of progress and reform. He has never sought office, however, preferring to give his attention to his business. He has a broad and comprehensive understanding of the science of medicine, and does all in his power to perfect himself in his chosen calling. He not only stands well with the public, but has the confidence and respect of his professional brethren, and in the community has made many warm friends.

CHARLES C. KUHN.—The merited and fitting reward of a well spent life and active business career is an honored retirement in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. For many years this gentleman was prominently connected with the commercial interests of Fort Branch, but in 1895 laid aside all care and is now resting from his labor in a comfortable home, which was acquired

entirely through his own efforts. He is widely and favorably known in Gibson County, and his name occupies a high place on the roll of leading and influential citizens. Mr. Kuhn was born on the 2nd of November, 1840, and is a son of Henry and Margaret Kuhn, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. In their home the days of his boyhood and youth were passed quietly and uneventfully. Play and work occupied his time when he was not in the school room. He entered upon his business career in the capacity of a clerk in a mercantile establishment and was thus employed for some time, during which period he became thoroughly familiar with business methods and practices. He took note of the plan and system followed by the most successful men and when he began business on his own account, put this knowledge to the practical test. His earnest labor, economy and perseverance supplied him with the capital which enabled him to establish a store of his own and in 1875 he purchased a stock of goods and became one of the general merchants of Fort Branch. For twenty years he was prominently connected with its business interests. He had a well appointed store, and his courteous treatment enabled him to win from the public a liberal patronage. Mr. Kuhn was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Oswald, of Princeton, a daughter of John Oswald, and they have two children, Margaret and Anna. In the Roman Catholic Church the parents hold membership. In politics Mr. Kuhn is a Democrat, who favors the free coinage of silver, but has never been an office seeker. He owns a fine residence, which stands as a monument to his thrift and enterprise, and in the community where he lives he is well known as a man whose integrity is above question and whose word is as good as his bond.

GEORGE FRANKLIN HOFFMAN, publisher of the Weekly Times, of Fort Branch, was born on the 16th of February, 1869, and is a son of Frank and Caroline (Brothers) Hoffman. Our subject attended the common schools, and at the age of seventeen started out for himself, since which time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He began learning the printer's trade in the office of the Telephone, and continued in that employ for about two years. In 1889, he went to Sullivan, Indiana, where he was employed in a similar capacity, and in 1892 he removed to Indianapolis, but after a short stay returned to Sullivan. In June, 1894, he came to Fort Branch, and has since been engaged in the publication of the Weekly Times. This paper has now a good circulation and is a well edited journal, devoted to the interests of Fort Branch and Gibson County. Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Johnson, a daughter of Duane Johnson, of Flatrock, Illinois. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Fraternity and Mrs. Hoffman is a member of the Presbyterian Church. His political support is

given the Democracy. Mr. Hoffman is a young man, possessed of the true spirit of progress and enterprise which characterizes the west; in disposition is kindly, in manner is genial and affable, and throughout the community where he resides has made many warm friends.

J. E. LYNN, the efficient and popular telegraph operator and station agent of Fort Branch, was born on the 25th of May, 1873, and is a son of Jacob and Maggie (Arnold) Lynn, both of whom were natives of this country, and resided for some years in Evansville, Indiana. J. E. Lynn has spent his entire life in this state, and was reared under the parental roof, while in the common schools he acquired his education. When only thirteen years of age he started out in life for himself, and has since been dependent upon his own efforts, so that whatever success he has achieved has come as the reward of his diligence and perseverance. He began work with the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad; was then made agent at Haubstadt, where he remained one year, or until December, 1894, when he was transferred to Fort Branch, where he has since continued. On the 17th of January, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lynn and Miss Anna Denner, a daughter of Lawrence Denner, of Evansville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lynn are members of the Catholic Church. He is a self-made man, whose advancement has come through his own efforts, and who by industry and honest toil has won a place among the representative citizens. In manner he is genial and affable, and has the esteem of many friends and acquaintances. He has made a competent official for the railroad company, and has merited the confidence reposed in him.

J. V. DE LONG.—Wealth may enable one to secure a start in life, but without the essential qualifications of perseverance, industry and executive ability one cannot carry a business forward to successful completion. The subject of this review was dependent upon his own exertions entirely from an early age, but he possessed the requisites essential to a prosperous business career, and by determined purpose has steadily worked his way upward. Mr. De Long was born in Evansville, Indiana, on the 5th of November, 1859, and is a son of James and Ellen De Long, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Ireland. He attended the common schools in his early youth, and when about seventeen years of age spent one term as a student in the Evansville Commercial College. This constituted his preparation for a business life and in 1880 he came to Fort Branch to accept a position as a salesman in a mercantile establishment. For about ten years he was thus employed and during that period became thoroughly familiar with the best plans and methods of business procedure. When by his energy, industry and economy he had secured a sufficient capital to engage in business for himself, he established

a store and since 1895 has been numbered among the leading merchants of Fort Branch. He carries a stock valued at about six thousand dollars and from the public receives a liberal patronage. Mr. De Long was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Vickery, of Vincennes, Indiana, a daughter of John Vickery, who died in 1885. They have two children—John Vickery, aged nine years, and Lillian, a little maiden of two summers. Mr. De Long is a member of the Knights of Pythias Fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America, and his political support is given the Republican party. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has the strictest regard for the ethics of business life, is observant of the vows that he has taken upon himself as a member of the fraternal organizations and in all the relations of life has won the esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

R. S. BOYLE, the popular Trustee of Johnson township, and who is engaged in the grain business in Fort Branch, is one of Indiana's native sons, his birth having occurred in Posey County, on the 10th of November, 1856. He is a son of John and Ophelia (Shelton) Boyle, the former having occurred in Posey County, latter of Vanderburgh County. His brother, D. M. Boyle, is now a well known attorney of Pierre, South Dakota. In his parents' home our subject spent the days of his boyhood and youth and in 1864 removed with the family to Vanderburgh County, where he remained until 1886. In that year he went to the west, where he continued until 1889, at which time he returned to Illinois, continuing a resident of that state until 1890. Mr. Boyle then came to Gibson County, and has since made his home in Fort Branch. His time and attention have been devoted to the grain business, and he is a wide-awake, progressive man, whose energy and capable management have been the stepping stones on which he has risen to prosperity. Mr. Boyle was united in marriage to Miss Emma Pruitt, a native of Vanderburgh County, and a daughter of Warner Pruitt. They now have two children—Etta, who was born in Lebanon, Dakota, during their residence in the west; and Walter, who was born in Indiana. Mr. Boyle and his wife hold membership in the Christian Church, and in his social relations he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. His political support is given the Democracy, and he is well informed on the issues of the day. He was elected Trustee of Johnson township in 1894, and has discharged his duties in that office with fidelity and given universal satisfaction. He is a leading representative citizen and a gentleman of honor and respectability.

J. M. SPEAR, of Fort Branch, is one of the substantial and leading business men of Gibson County, and is well entitled to mention among the worthy and representative citizens of the county. He was born on the 9th of March, 1840. He received

a fair common school education and had just reached his majority when the Civil war came on. Prompted by a spirit of loyalty Mr. Spear responded to the call of his country for aid and went forth as a member of the Forty-sixth Indiana Infantry, with which he remained one year. On his return to the north Mr. Spear located in Rockport, Indiana, where he was engaged in the coal business for a period of five years. On the expiration of that time he removed to Haubstadt, where he engaged in the milling business, and later came to Fort Branch, where he has since continued the same form of business; his success being most satisfactory. In 1886 was organized the Fort Branch Milling Company, of which he is a member. This company has a well equipped mill, furnished with the latest improved machinery, and is modern in all of its appointments. The business of the firm is wisely and prudently conducted. Mr. Spear, who is the senior member of the firm, thoroughly understands the business in every detail and takes just pride in making the products of the mill first-class in every particular. Mr. Spear was united in marriage with Miss Rusilla Lewis, of Gibson County, and to the marriage have been born seven children, namely: Henry, Oliver M., Christina, Mary, Martha, Margaret and Adeline. The parents hold membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Spear is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a highly respected citizen, who has well contributed his part toward the advancement of the community in which he resides.

S. M. HOLCOMB, who is engaged in the practice of law in Fort Branch, is numbered among Indiana's prominent citizens, and belongs to that class of men who by personal effort have achieved success and attained an honorable and influential position among their fellow men. He was born March 27, 1838, a son of Elder Elihu and Nancy (Cook) Holcomb, and was reared on a farm five miles east of Fort Branch. His educational advantages were limited, but he made the most of his opportunities and extensive reading and study at home have made him a well informed man. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, and successfully followed that profession for a number of years through the winter seasons. When twenty-three years of age, Mr. Holcomb, prompted by a spirit of patriotism and loyalty, organized in February, 1862, a company, which afterwards became parts of Companies A and C of the Sixty-third Indiana Infantry. Upon the organization of the company he was elected captain. The company, at Indianapolis, was divided and assigned to the above named companies of the Sixty-third Indiana. Mr. Holcomb was assigned to Company C and appointed its first lieutenant, and served up to December, 1862, when he resigned. After his return he engaged in teaching for a few terms and then embarked in the grain business at Fort Branch. In the meantime he had

studied law and fitted himself for the bar, with which he has been actively connected since 1875. He now has a large clientage, and for the past twenty years has been connected with much of the important litigation in the courts of Gibson County. In addition he has managed his farming interests. He owns a valuable farm near Fort Branch, and has always farmed. On the 11th of May, 1862, Mr. Holcomb married Miss Mary A. Hopkins, daughter of Hiram Hopkins. They have four children, Oscar R., who is practicing law in Ritzville, Washington; Clarence L., an attorney of Petersburg, Pike County; Helen L., who is engaged in school teaching; and Ralston C., at home. Mr. Holcomb is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Knights of Labor and the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association. His father was for more than thirty years a minister of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Holcomb belongs to the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Populist, and in the autumn of 1896 was the candidate of his party for Secretary of State. A man of firm convictions, he is fearless in defense of what he believes to be right. No one questions his integrity or honorable purpose and his record as a soldier and as a private citizen alike command respect and admiration.

JOHN GRIFFIN is the senior member of the firm of Griffin & Sharp, dealers in general merchandise in Fort Branch. A native of Indiana, he was born in Decatur County in 1857, March 20, and is a son of Dennis and Mary Griffin. Their family numbered seven children, five of whom are yet living. Mr. Griffin spent the first eighteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and acquired his education in the common schools. He then went to Princeton and entered upon his business career as a salesman in a dry goods store. He was for seventeen years a resident of that city, and during that period became familiar with all the methods of mercantile experience. In January, 1895, he came to Fort Branch and embarked in business on his own account as a member of the firm of Griffin & Sharp. The partners are well known in Fort Branch as reliable business men and their courteous treatment of their patrons and the excellent stock which they carry has secured to them a liberal patronage. They now carry a stock valued at about fifteen thousand dollars, comprising everything found in a first-class general mercantile establishment. In his political views Mr. Griffin is a Republican, and in his social connection he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Fraternity. The greater part of his time and attention, however, are devoted to his business interests, in which he has met with excellent success. He has conformed his conduct to the old maxim that honesty is the best policy and to-day no one is held in higher esteem in Fort Branch than Mr. Griffin.

WILLIAM L. WALTERS, the senior member of the firm of Walters & Markett, hardware and implement merchants of Fort

Branch, was born on the 2nd of May, 1806, in Gibson County, and is a son of Daniel J. and Nancy (Woods) Walters. The father was also a native of Gibson County, was reared on a farm and throughout his life followed that occupation. In his family there were three children, namely: The subject of this review, Dr. Hamlin J. and Mrs. Ezra Lowe. The father died May 9, 1888, but the mother, also a native of Gibson County, still survives him. On the homestead farm Mr. Walters, of this sketch, spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He assisted in the labors of field and meadow, and in the winter season, when crops were harvested and the work was practically over for the year he attended the public schools. Later he supplemented his early educational privileges by a course in the commercial college of Evansville. He was married on the 5th of September, 1895, to Miss Anna, daughter of Rev. J. T. Oliphant, of Fort Branch, and they have a pleasant home here. Mr. Walters established his present business in 1894, and has a good store filled with a large and well selected stock of shelf and heavy hardware, tinware and agricultural implements. He is a wide-awake merchant and his close application to business, straightforward dealings and courteous treatment have secured him a liberal patronage. Mr. Walters is a member of the Odd Fellows' Society and the Knights of Pythias Fraternity. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in the spring of 1892 was elected a member of the City Council, and in the spring of 1895 was elected Treasurer. In the discharge of these duties he was prompt and faithful and is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in the welfare and advancement of the community in which his entire life has been passed.

JOHN BLESSING, Sr., is well worthy of representation in the history of Gibson County, for his life record has long been interwoven with its history and he has done much for the advancement and general progress of the community in which he resides. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we present this sketch to our readers, knowing that it will prove of interest to his many friends. Mr. Blessing is a native of Maryland, his birth having occurred in the city of Baltimore, on the 14th of September, 1840. His parents, John and Margaret (Weller) Blessing, were both natives of Germany, and on their emigration to America, in 1832, located in Maryland. There the father engaged in the dairy business until his death in 1844. His wife long survived him, and passed away in 1873. John Blessing of this review attended the public schools of his native city for four years, and then laid aside his text books in order to prove for his own maintenance as an office boy. Later he learned the carpenter's trade, which he energetically followed for many years. Through three decades he continued work along that line, and his efficient service, thorough

understanding of the business and great reliability in all commercial transactions won him a liberal patronage. With the capital he had thus acquired he afterward turned his attention to merchandising, and now conducts one of the leading general merchandise stores of Fort Branch, carrying a stock valued at twenty-five hundred dollars. Mr. Blessing married Miss Letitia, daughter of William H. Epperson, and they became parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: George W., Octavia, deceased; Margaret, John F., Herbert, Ronoki, Milton, Agnes and Charles. Mr. Blessing gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and socially is connected with the Masonic Fraternity. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church and take an active interest in its work and upbuilding. Through the long years of his residence here, Mr. Blessing has maintained a place among the leading business men. His career demonstrates the truth of the old saying that there is no royal road to wealth but that the achievement depends upon the man.

CLAI BORN POLK is now living a retired life in Fort Branch. For many years he was prominently connected with the industrial interests of this section of the county, and his life demonstrates what can be accomplished through earnest labor, enterprise and executive ability; now as the result of his honest toil he is enjoying a well earned rest. As he is widely and favorably known, we feel assured that the record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers and gladly give it a place in this volume. Mr. Polk was born on the 20th of June, 1811, a son of James and Ann (Abel) Polk, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Pennsylvania. His parents were farming people and he was reared on the old homestead, so that he early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of an agriculturist. He attended the common schools and at the age of sixteen worked at the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Kentucky until 1830. In that year he crossed the Ohio into Indiana, and has since resided in Gibson County, where he is numbered among the honored pioneers. For more than sixty years he has aided in the advancement and growth of the county by his faithful performance of every duty of citizenship and by his support of all measures to prove of public benefit. He has been engaged in the milling business, operating a saw mill, has followed farming and has pursued other vocations, which have not only enhanced his individual prosperity, but have added to the general welfare. Mr. Polk was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Shoptaugh, of Kentucky, who died on the 20th of August, 1855. They were parents of eleven children, six of whom are living, namely: Ervin, Isabella, Francis M., William A., Caleb C. and Sarah J. For his second wife Mr. Polk chose Mrs. Mary McMullen, a widow, and a daughter of John

Sides. By this marriage there is one daughter, Etta A. Mr. Polk is a member of the Baptist church, his wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican. One of Gibson County's pioneers, he has witnessed almost its entire growth and development and its history would be incomplete without the record of his life.

JAMES STRICKLAND, deceased, was for many years a leading citizen of Gibson County, and his noble life has left to his children and his friends and an example that is well worthy of emulation. He was born in Patoka township, on the 18th of October, 1818, a son of Rev. Stephen and Elizabeth Strickland, pioneer settlers of Gibson County, who, after locating in Indiana, continued their residence here until called to the home beyond. The father was throughout life a minister of the Baptist Church, and reared his family in that faith. He had eight children—Elijah, Patsy, Isaac, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Jacob, Dessa and James, but all are now deceased. Rev. James Strickland obtained a fair education in his youth and learned lessons of industry and uprightness, which bore a marked influence on all his after life. He remained with his parents until going to a home of his own, taking there his bride, whom he married on the 20th of December, 1840. She bore the maiden name of Tempy Skelton, and was a native of Patoka township. Her girlhood days were passed in the home of her father, James Skelton, who was brought from Kentucky to this state in pioneer days. Throughout his life he followed farming, and his death occurred in Gibson County, December 28, 1867. His wife, who also came from Kentucky in childhood, survived her husband some years, and spent her last days in Nebraska, passing away August 28, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Skelton were the parents of ten children, as follows: Rachel, deceased; Tempy; Eliza A., who has passed away; Tabitha; Julia and James M., both deceased; Joseph, Lucinda, Isabelle and William. At the time of his marriage James Strickland began farming on the old homestead and during the greater part of his life carried on agricultural pursuits. He was at one time owner of a valuable property of two hundred acres, which he sold on his retirement from farm life, and then purchased the home in Fort Branch, where his widow now resides. Ten children came to bless their nion, as follows: Joseph, Stephen, James and Julia, all deceased; Horace; Benjamin, deceased; Charles W., Sarah E., one who died in infancy and William M. Mr. Strickland was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church and about 1843 entered the work of its ministry. Through the remainder of his life he labored earnestly to advance the cause of the Master, and by example as well as precept brought many to a knowledge of the truth. He passed away October 20, 1890, but his memory remains a blessed benediction to those who knew him. His wife ably assisted him in

his good work and throughout the community has won the love and confidence of all.

PRESTON A. BRYANT, one of the representative and prominent agriculturists of Gibson County, has been identified with its interests throughout life, his birth occurring in Patoka township, August 4, 1850. His father, Horatio Bryant, was born in the Old Dominion, in 1799, but when quite young accompanied his parents to Kentucky, where later he married Nancy Wallace, native of that state, both near Owensboro, in 1804. Twelve children blessed their union—John, deceased; Eli; Jane, David, Francis and Abner M., all deceased; Henry; Cordelia, deceased; Clinton; Mary, deceased; Preston A., and Marion. In 1830 the father came to Gibson County, where he carried on farming until life's labors were ended, October 21, 1866, owning at that time one hundred and twenty acres of good land. His wife was called to the world beyond in February, 1868. They held membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he was elder for some twenty years. Mr. Bryant, of this review, remained at home until his father's death, when he started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand for the first year. He then attended school for a time, preparing himself for a teacher, which profession he successfully followed for twelve years, during the period, however, becoming more proficient by continuing his studies at the State Normal School. Subsequently he read law, but never engaged in its practice. He began agricultural pursuits upon a rented farm, which he operated for about six years, and then purchased forty acres, which he still owns. Besides general farming he is also interested in stock-raising and has met with success in his undertakings. On the 1st of April, 1875, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Bryant and Miss Nellie, daughter of John L. Wallace, by whom he had three children—LaSalle, John and Grace. The wife and mother was called to her final rest March 15, 1893, and Mr. Bryant has since wedded Mary West. They are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he has been elder two years and superintendent of the Sunday school six years. Politically, Mr. Bryant has always been a faithful adherent of Republican principles, and is a recognized leader of his party in the community. On that ticket he has twice been elected to the House of Representatives from Gibson County, first in the fall of 1890 and again two years later. He proved a most popular and able member of that honorable body, capably serving on several important committees, and his course there gave the utmost satisfaction to his constituents.

STEPHEN WALTERS MEAD, one of the successful and progressive agriculturists of Gibson County, was born in Johnson township, December 18, 1831, of the marriage of Stephen and Polly (Pritchett) Mead. His father was born near Catskill, New York,

March 13, 1795, obtained a limited education, and at the age of seventeen left the parental roof for the west. By boat he proceeded to Cincinnati, thence on foot to Gibson County, where he began work as a farm hand, and was thus employed until twenty-one years of age, when he was married. He began his domestic life upon a farm of eighty acres, which he had previously entered, and as time passed added to that property until he was one of the extensive land owners of the county. He was also very liberal with his children, and gave to each ~~land~~ to the value of fifteen hundred dollars. He married Miss Pritchett, who was born in Tennessee, July 4, 1801, and they became parents of fourteen children, as follows: Benjamin F. and Daniel, both deceased; Lemuel T.; John S.; Elisha P.; James P., deceased; Stephen W.; Charles; Martin Van Buren; William H.; Mary E.; Eliza J. and Philo, both deceased; and Joseph M. The parents were consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Mead was a staunch Republican, and during the war of 1812 he served under General Harrison. Stephen W. Mead acquired his education in the common schools and remained on his father's farm until twenty years of age. He was married November 2, 1854, to Sarah Jane Rutledge, by whom he has thirteen children—Mary C.; Stephen J.; Henry A.; Albert M.; Charles O.; Helen M., deceased; Effie A., deceased; Clarence M.; Stella A., Laura E. and Aggie B., all deceased; Birdie D., and George E. Upon his marriage Mr. Mead began farming on fifty-seven acres of land, but as the years have passed he has added to this property, until it now comprises two hundred and sixty acres. He also owns a quarter section of land in Nebraska. Industry and perseverance are the dominate qualities of his character and have been the essential factors in bringing to him success. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious belief he and his family are Methodists.

NICHOLAS BOREN.—Among the sturdy, energetic and enterprising farmers of Gibson County, who thoroughly understand the vocation they follow, and are consequently enabled to carry on their calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this sketch. He is a native of the county, born in Johnson township, March 9, 1832, a son of Ezekiel and Rosa (Evans) Boren, and acquired a limited education in its public schools. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Boren was married, and unto the marriage were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are James W. and John A. He began his farming operations upon a tract of one hundred acres received from his father, and with him his parents both resided. He continued the operation of that farm for thirty-eight years, and then removed to his present place, comprising one hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land, which he has under a high state of cultivation and well improved,

with a good residence and substantial outbuildings. He has also given his son sixty acres. Mr. Boren has ever taken an active interest in political affairs, affiliating with the Republican party until 1892, but since that time has been a stalwart Populist. His honorable, upright life has gained him the esteem and regard of all classes of people, and his industrious habits and genial warm-heartedness endear him to all. Both himself and estimable wife are active members of the Christian Church.

WELSY KARNES, an enterprising young farmer living near Fort Branch, has spent his entire life in Gibson County. He was born in Patoka township, October 31, 1870, his parents being Jesse and Ellen (Woods) Karnes, the former born in Warrick County, Indiana, July 1, 1844, the latter in Gibson County, October 7, 1850. The father continued in his parents' home until twenty-two years of age, when he was married, after which he assumed the management of the Karnes homestead, renting that property for four years, when the grandfather of our subject sold out and removed to the south. Jesse Karnes has since resided on rented land and is now operating a farm in Patoka township. He and his wife are people of sterling worth, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by their marriage have been born three children—Welsy, Clarence and Essie. Mr. Karnes, whose name introduces this sketch, began work in the fields as soon as old enough to handle the plow, and throughout life has been identified with agricultural interests. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and when not in the school room he assisted his father until his marriage. On the 7th of May, 1893, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Hester Ann, daughter of James and Mary J. Wallis. They now have one child—Bertrice Walter. Mrs. Karnes was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land, and since their marriage our subject has cultivated this property, the well tilled fields indicating his careful supervision. He is also quite extensively engaged in the raising of stock, and his systematic methods, great energy and sound judgment have made him a most capable business man. He has the strictest regard for the ethics of business life and his word is as good as his bond. His political support is given the Republican party, the principles of which he warmly advocates. He and his estimable wife have many friends in the community, and richly merit the high regard in which they are held.

JAMES H. GWALTNEY, a reliable and intelligent agriculturist of Gibson County, is one of its native sons, born in Johnson township on the 17th of August, 1849. His parents, Amariah and Oysey (Scott) Gwaltney, were born in the same county, the former May 31, 1827, and the latter in February, 1827. They received rather a limited education in the common schools near their homes, and were married when nineteen years of age. Three

children graced their union--Anna, deceased; James H.; and Polly, deceased. The wife and mother departed this life on the 13th of January, 1853, and later in the same year the father wedded Nancy Taylor, who still resides upon the home farm. He began operations on an eighty acre tract received from his father and successfully followed agricultural pursuits throughout life, owning at the time of his death--January 18, 1885--a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres. The literary education of our subject was such as the common schools afforded, and he became familiar with the duties of an agriculturist upon the home farm, where he remained until his marriage. He chose as a companion and helpmeet on life's journey a Miss McDonnell, and to them were born six children--Amariah, deceased; Rose E.; Anna E.; Zenas; one who died in infancy, and Lemuel M. The family are all consistent members of the Baptist Church, and hold a high position in the social circles of the community. Upon his marriage Mr. Gwaltney located upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres given him by his father, and continued the cultivation of the same for twelve years, when he returned to the old homestead, where he still resides. He is the owner of three hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable land, and the well tilled fields and neat appearance of the place plainly indicates the thrift and enterprise of the owner. He is a man of good financial ability and excellent judgment, and occupies a leading position among the influential citizens of the community, with whose interests he has always been identified. His political support is given the Democracy.

HIRAM F. SIDES.—The subject of this sketch stands second to none among the progressive farmers of Gibson County, whose record it has been deemed wise to preserve in this manner for the perusal of the coming generation. As a judicious tiller of the soil he has met with success, and as a man and citizen holds a good position among his neighbors. On starting out in life he worked as a farm hand upon his father's place for one year, and then purchased eighty acres, to which he added until he had two hundred and forty acres of rich and fertile land, but has given to his children all with the exception of ninety-five acres. A native of Gibson County, Mr. Sides was born in Johnson township, September 5, 1821, and on both the paternal and maternal sides is of German origin. His father, John Sides, was born in Pennsylvania, about 1776, three months after his father had been killed in the Revolutionary war. He remained at home until the age of twenty-two years, when he married Hannah Brothers, who was born in North Carolina, in 1779, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Henry, Catherine, James and Elizabeth, all deceased; Mary; Hiram F.; and Martha J., deceased. The father's death occurred June 6, 1856, and the mother passed away November 26, 1878. They were members of the Cumberland

Presbyterian Church. On leaving his native state the father went to Tennessee, thence to Kentucky, and finally located in Gibson County, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land, and at the time of his death had a fine farm of two hundred acres. In the usual manner of farm boys Hiram F. Sides spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at the age of twenty-six years was united in marriage with Nancy Brewer, who is of Scotch and Welsh descent. By trade her father was both a carpenter and miller, and also worked in a stone quarry at Evansville, Indiana. He died April 26, 1841, and his wife was called to her final rest on the 22nd of the following December. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sides—John W.; Albert, deceased; Mary Ann; Alexander; Thomas; Charles W., deceased; Sylvester and Ella. Those who yet survive are farming people and reside close to the old homestead. In manner Mr. Sides is quiet and unassuming, yet has made many warm friends and has the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. Until 1890 he was a Democrat in politics, but is now an earnest supporter of the People's party. In religious belief he is a Cumberland Presbyterian.

JAMES E. BELOAT.—The one hundred and seventy-acre farm in Johnson township belonging to our subject is conspicuous for the manner in which it has been improved and cultivated, and is evidently the homestead of one of the most enterprising men of Gibson County. Throughout his entire business career he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, at first owning a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Montgomery township, which he operated for six years, and then sold and purchased eighty acres of his present fine farm. With the exception of thirty acres received from his father's estate, his accumulations are the reward of his own perseverance, industry and energy. Mr. Beloat was born in Johnson township, April 8, 1853, a son of George W. and Martha (Reed) Beloat, whose births occurred in the same township, the former in 1828 and the latter in 1826. The father remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-three, when he began farming upon an eighty-acre tract which he entered from the government. Eight years later he embarked in the milling business, operating both a saw and flouring mill in Johnson township on the railroad for six years, when he again resumed farming. On the breaking out of the Civil war, however, he laid aside personal interest, enlisting in August, 1861, in the First Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, and for three years and three months followed the stars and stripes on southern battle fields, returning home in November, 1864, with an honorable war record. He then continued farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred February 20, 1890. His faithful wife, who still survives him, is now living with a daughter in California. Both were

members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder for twenty-three years, and were earnest, conscientious Christians. In their family were eight children--Henry and Susan, deceased; James, Thomas, Martin, Catharine, George W. and Della. At the age of twenty-three he left home and began the battle of life for himself. He has always been an ardent Republican in politics, and religious belief both himself and wife are Methodists. On the 3d of February, 1876, he married America E. Brimfield, and they now have one daughter, Estella. The family is one of prominence, widely and favorably known throughout Gibson County.

A. G. MAKEMSON.—For almost three-quarters of a century the Makemson family, of which our subject is a representative, has been connected with Gibson County. His father, Andrew Makemson, was born in Virginia, of Irish parentage, and received a very limited education. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, and then his parents made their home with him. He wedded Margaret Shaver, who was born in Henderson County, Kentucky, June 11, 1792, and was of German lineage. Their union, which was celebrated July 30, 1811, was blessed with eleven children, namely: Joseph, Nancy Allen, Sarah M., James, William and Benjamin S., all now deceased; John L.; Mary Jane; Anderson G.; Thomas B., deceased; and Margaret Ann. For a few years after their marriage the parents resided in Kentucky, and then removed to Perry County, Indiana, where they remained two years. In 1824 they came to Gibson County, where the mother died April 6, 1841, and the father departed this life December 9, 1860. He was a farmer by occupation and by his industry and perseverance added to his possessions until he became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of good land. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Until thirteen years of age Anderson G. Makemson never attended school and after that time his educational privileges amounted to only about one month's schooling each year. His training at farm labor, however, was not meagre, and he continued to assist in the cultivation of the old homestead until twenty-two years of age, when he was married on the 12th of December, 1851, to Emeline Murphy. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Charles H., John and Monroe, all deceased; Belle; Mattie; Mamie; Dollie; and Geneva, deceased. The mother of this family was called to the home beyond May 11, 1896, and died in the faith of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; of which she was a consistent member. At the time of his marriage Mr. Makemson had no capital, but soon after he purchased forty acres of land and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his property until he now owns a valuable tract of one

hundred and fifty-three acres, which is highly cultivated and well improved with substantial buildings. He is now sixty-seven years of age, and is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former war he manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting December 12, 1864, and serving with the One Hundred and Forty-third Indiana Infantry, until September, 1865, when hostilities having ended he was honorably discharged. Such is the record of one who owes his success alone to his own efforts, and whose life has been honorable and straightforward.

W. S. MINNIS, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Gibson County, was born in Barton township, April 5, 1848. His father, James Minnis, also a native of Gibson County, was born in 1817, and is a son of Thomas Minnis, a native of the Emerald Isle. For three years during the Civil war James Minnis served his country as one of the boys in blue of Company A, Fifty-eighth Illinois Infantry. He has been three times married, and the children of the first union are Thomas and Mrs. Arminia Elwin. His second wife was Martha J., daughter of Philemon Dill. Their children are Melvina, wife of T. F. Davis; W. S.; Cynthia A., wife of W. S. Hurst; Minerva J., wife of John W. Coleman; Nellie R., wife of John Yeager; Belle, wife of J. T. Beatty; James H.; Willis; William S., deceased; Warwick, Cythia and John M. The only child of the third marriage is Walter. Mr. Minnis, of this review, spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads, and enjoyed the educational privileges afforded by the district schools. He was married July 27, 1871, to Seba A., daughter of David and Nancy (Kilpatrick) Martin. Her father was born in South Carolina, and was one of the first settlers of Gibson County. His surviving children are Mrs. Jane Canady, Mrs. Nancy Burton, Mrs. Kate Watt, Mrs. Minnis, John C., Mrs. Laura Moore, Mrs. Alice B. Shiner, Mrs. Helen M. Stingle and Mrs. Flora B. Blackwell. Mr. Minnis was elected township trustee on the Democratic ticket in 1882, and served one term. In 1894 he was re-elected to the same office, and is doing effective service in the interests of good schools, good made and substantial improvements in Barton township. He has always followed farming and his honorable and well spent life has won him the respect of all.

HENRY W. LUHRING, an esteemed citizen, now follows merchandising in Haubstadt. A man of unswerving integrity and honor, who has a perfect appreciation of the higher ethics of life, he has gained and retained the confidence and respect of his fellow men, and is distinctively one of the leading citizens of Gibson County, with whose interests he has always been identified. Mr. Luhring was born in this county, January 25, 1852, a son of William and Catherine Luhring, natives of Hanover, Germany. On coming to America the father first went to Cincinnati, Ohio,

and later arrived in Gibson County, with a cash capital of only twenty dollars, but by perseverance and energy he accumulated a comfortable competence. Here he married Catherine Dickinger, by whom he had two children. Her death occurred about 1861, and the father afterward married again, by which union he had three children. He made farming his life work, continuing that pursuit until his death, which occurred nineteen years ago. On the home farm Henry W. Lohring was reared, and with the labors of field and meadow early became familiar. He acquired a good education in the public schools, and afterward engaged in teaching with excellent success for five years. Subsequently he engaged in clerking in Haubstadt for one year, and in 1876 formed a partnership with Jacob Heimann, for the purpose of dealing in general merchandise. For about eighteen years he continued operations in that line, and then turned his attention to the grain and live stock business. A year later, however, he resumed merchandising with a stock valued at about eleven hundred dollars. This he has steadily increased and to-day carries a large assortment of general merchandise, while from the public he receives a liberal patronage. Mr. Lohring was married in 1878, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha Boren, daughter of James Boren, of Johnson township. Their only child, O. Raymond, having obtained a good literary education, is now studying law. Mr. Lohring exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the business men of this locality, and with signal consistency it may be said that he is the architect of his own fortunes, and one whose success amply justifies the application of that most expressive title "a self-made man."

JOHN SIPP.—Germany has furnished to the United States many bright, enterprising young men, who have left the Fatherland to enter the business circles of this country with its more progressive business methods, livelier competition and advancement more quickly secured. Among this number is Mr. Sipp, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, August 25, 1829, a son of William and Barbara (Pfeiffer) Sipp, the former a native of Bavaria, and the latter of Hesse-Darmstadt. In the land of their birth they spent their entire lives, and reared their family of two sons and three daughters. John Sipp learned the trade of blacksmithing under his father and gained a good education in his native tongue. He remained in the land of his nativity until 1852, when hoping to improve his financial condition he came to America. He was entirely unacquainted with the ways and customs of the people and could not read or speak the English language, but he soon learned to do both. He landed in New

York and came to Evansville, where for two years he worked at his trade. On the expiration of that period he located in Warrenton, Gibson County, where he resided for twenty-five years, conducting a blacksmith shop. He was then elected County Treasurer on the Republican ticket and by re-election served in that office for four years, during the greater part of which time he made his home in Princeton. Near the close of his public service he purchased property in Haubstadt, where he has since lived retired. In 1865 Mr. Sipp was united in marriage to Mary Ella Staser, the second daughter of John C. Staser, of Vanderburgh County. She died in 1881, leaving four children—Margaret, William W., Lula and Olive. Mr. Sipp is a member of the Evangelical Church. Fortune has dealt kindly with him, and has rewarded his energy, diligence and application to business by a comfortable competence. His career is identified with that of Gibson County, where he has acquired fortune, and where he is an honored and respected citizen.

JOHN BALLARD, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Haubstadt, has attained an enviable position in the ranks of the medical fraternity of Southern Indiana. Earnest study, broad research and the thoughtful application of the knowledge that he has acquired has given him a skill as a practitioner which makes him a most worthy representative of the profession. He was born in Johnson township, Gibson County, July 16, 1839, and is a son of Thomas and Anna (Carter) Ballard, both natives of Cambridgeshire, England, the former born in 1809. They were married in their native land, and buried one child there. With a daughter they came to America in 1835, taking up their residence in Johnson township, where the father still makes his home on the farm where he first located. The daughter, Mary Ann, who came with the parents to the United States, is now deceased. The children born in this country were eleven in number, and only two are now living—John and Thomas. The latter resides on the old homestead. The father has followed farming throughout his entire life. He adheres to the faith of the Episcopal Church, in which he was reared, and to the principles of Democracy. His wife died in 1891, at the age of seventy-five years. On the farmstead Dr. Ballard spent his boyhood and youth, assisting in the labors of the fields as soon as old enough to handle the plow. His early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by study in Forest Academy of Vanderburgh County, and in Owensville. In 1865 he completed a commercial course in Indianapolis, and in 1866 he entered Jefferson College of Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1868. Dr. Ballard began the practice of his profession in Wheatonville, and in 1872 located in Haubstadt, where he has since successfully practiced. In 1878 he went abroad, visiting the leading colleges

and hospitals of Europe, and throughout his professional career has been a close student of the science of medicine, keeping fully abreast with the progress which characterizes this nineteenth century development. His worth is acknowledged by his professional brethren and is attested by his large and lucrative practice. The Doctor was married in 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss S. E. Brunfield, of Gibson County. Their home is blessed with four children—Ella, William, Robley and Herbert.

JACOB HEIMANN is one of the enterprising merchants of Haubstadt, whose systematic methods, executive ability and sound judgment, combined with energy and industry have made him one of the substantial citizens of the community. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 26, 1854, a son of Max and Rachel (Ginbel) Heimann, now residents of Evansville, Indiana, where they have made their home since 1865, in which year they crossed the Atlantic to America. Jacob Heimann was at that time eleven years of age. He remained under the parental roof until 1870, when he entered upon his business career as a salesman in Warrenton, Gibson County. For six years he was thus employed, and in 1876 he entered into partnership with Henry W. Lohring for the purpose of engaging in general merchandising. The business connection between them continued for eighteen years, after which Mr. Heimann bought out his partner's interest and has since been alone in business. His store in Haubstadt is filled with a well assorted stock of general merchandise and a liberal patronage is accorded its proprietor, who by his genial and courteous manner and honorable dealing has won the confidence and good will of the public. In 1888 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Heimann and Miss Effa Davis, of Enfield, Illinois. They now have one child, Norman. In his political views Mr. Heimann is a Republican, who warmly advocates his party principles. He started out in life for himself when only sixteen years of age, and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that the success that he has achieved is the merited reward of his labors. He has earned the proud title of a self-made man, and his life is an exemplification of what can be accomplished through determined effort and diligence when guided by sound judgment and characterized by thorough reliability.

HENRY CHRISTIAN STUENKLE was born in Johnson township, Gibson County, November 26, 1847, and has continued his residence here throughout life. He is now a worthy representative of its agricultural interests and his progressive methods have made him one of the leading farmers of the community. His father, Henry Stuenkle, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 12, 1822, obtained a fair education in that country, and when eighteen years of age came with his parents to America. He then started out in life for himself, working one year on the Erie Canal,

after which he was employed as hostler by a rich merchant of Cincinnati, serving in that capacity for nine years. In the meantime he married Johanna Cook, who was born near Munson, Prussia, April 6, 1827. They became parents of seven children—Henry C.; Louisa; Mary; August and Amelia, deceased; Gustaf H. and Theodore. On leaving Cincinnati Henry Stuenkle brought his family to Gibson County, purchased forty acres of land and began farming. His undertaking was crowned with success, and he was at one time owner of a valuable property for four hundred and sixty-three acres, but has since divided with his children. He has made his home in Gibson County since 1850, and is one of its well known early settlers. He and his family are members of the Evangelical Church. Henry C. Stuenkle was reared in his parents' home and in the public schools obtained a fair education, which fitted him for life's practical duties. Since attaining his majority he has continuously followed farming, beginning operations on his own account on a tract of one hundred and twenty-two acres of land which he had received from his father. Fortune has dealt kindly with him, and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his property until he is now the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and eighteen acres; its substantial buildings are surrounded by well tilled fields, and all the improvements and accessories of a model farm are found within its boundaries. On the 13th of October, 1870, when twenty-three years of age, Mr. Stuenkle married Louisa Hasselbrück, and their union has been blessed with six children—Amelia, John, Philip, William, Carl and Paul. Mr. Stuenkle and his family are members of the German Evangelical Church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

ALOIS ZILIAK is a well known and prominent representative of the industrial interests of Haubstadt, Indiana, being one of the stockholders in the Ziliak & Schafer Milling Company, proprietors of the Gibson Mills. A native of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, he was born on the 25th of November, 1850, and is a son of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Diemer) Ziliak, and were natives of Alsace, France. The parents came to the United States in 1840, and took up their residence in Vanderburgh County, whence they afterward came to Gibson County. Here the father established a mill in 1859, which was the beginning of the present milling business, of which his son is now one of the proprietors. He continued to operate this mill until 1876, when he sold out to the firm of Spear & Schafer, these gentlemen conducting the business until 1880. During his early boyhood Mr. Ziliak, of this review, was brought by his parents to Gibson County, where he attended the common schools. He learned the milling business with his father and in 1880 became one of the proprietors of the old mill. At that time the stock company, known as the Ziliak & Schafer Milling Company, was organized, and in this line they have done an excellent

business. In 1890 the mill was rebuilt and fitted up with the most modern appliances, including the latest improved roller process, and now has a capacity of two hundred barrels of flour per day. They manufacture fine brands of roller flour and their product finds a ready sale on the market because of its superior quality. They also deal in grain and feed, and their business has assumed quite extensive proportions. In connection with his industrial interests in Haubstadt, Mr. Ziliak is proprietor of an elevator in Cynthiana, and has a distributing room in Evansville and in Princeton, Indiana. His property in connection with grain trade are valued at forty-two thousand dollars. The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Ziliak was in her maidenhood Miss Caroline Wolf, a daughter of William Wolf, of Baden, Germany. Their union has been blessed with seven children, namely: Lawrence A., August J., Joseph E., Eli M., Maggie M., Olivia L. and Otto C. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics Mr. Ziliak is a Democrat. He has the strictest regard for the ethics of commercial life and his business methods commend him to the confidence and regard of all.

GEORGE D. SEITZ, proprietor of a lumber yard and planing mill in Haubstadt, belongs to that class of citizens who well represent the opportunities offered in America for one of energy and determination. Starting out in life's journey he has overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path by determined purpose and has worked his way steadily upward to a position of affluence. Mr. Seitz was born June 17, 1852, in Germany, and is a son of John Seitz, who died when George was about eight years of age. Thrown upon his own resources he started out in life for himself, and until seventeen years of age was employed as a farm hand. On abandoning agricultural pursuits, he entered the service of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, with which he continued for three years. Losing his leg in an accident he was then given the position of station agent, in which capacity he served for eighteen years. In 1878 he became interested in his present business, and in 1892 resigned his position as station agent in order to devote his entire time to the lumber trade. He now has a large yard and planing mill, carries a good stock of all kinds of lumber and from the public receives a liberal patronage, his trade constantly increasing. Mr. Seitz was united in marriage to Miss Naomi J. Ott, a daughter of John Ott, and to their union have been born three children—Amy R., Sophia F. and Dora K. The family is widely and favorably known in this locality, and the members of the Seitz household occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Seitz holds membership in Fort Branch Lodge, No. 291, I. O. O. F., and gives his political support to the Democracy. His life has been one of great energy and his success has been achieved through untiring labor. Dependent upon his own

resources from an early age he is indeed a self-made man, and there is much in his life that should serve to inspire and encourage others. He has made many warm friends in this community and is justly numbered among the leading citizens of Haubstadt.

C. M. THOMAS, M. D., has for ten years engaged in the practice of medicine in Haubstadt, where he has built up a good business. He is one of the native sons of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, February 21, 1844. His parents were Ludlow K. and Mary (McKinney) Thomas. The father was born in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, and was a son of Milton Thomas, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage and was also a native of the Buckeye State. The Doctor's mother, a native of Montgomery County, Indiana, was a daughter of James McKinney, who was born in Ohio, and was a representative of one of the old families of this country. The marriage of Ludlow Thomas and Mary McKinney occurred in her native county, and there they spent their remaining days, their home blessed by four children. The Doctor was reared in Crawfordsville and after attending its public schools became a student in the Christian Union College in Marion, Sullivan County, and was graduated in Wabash College of Crawfordsville in 1864. For about five years thereafter he traveled as a salesman for a wholesale drug house of New York, and then took up the study of medicine. He is a graduate of the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis, of the class of 1874, and on leaving school he established himself in the practice of medicine in Crawfordsville, where he remained until coming to Haubstadt in 1886. He has carried his researches far into the realms of medical science, and is well versed in the various branches of the profession. People never trust their most precious gift, life, in the hands of one unskilled, and the liberal patronage which Dr. Thomas enjoys is therefore a strong evidence of his pronounced ability. The Doctor is a prominent and valued member of the Masonic Fraternity. His present affiliations being with Princeton Lodge, No. 231, F. & A. M., Princeton Chapter, No. 75, R. A. M., and Laval Commandery, No. 15, K. T. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and is a man of broad general information, both on political and other questions. In 1881 he wedded Miss Barbara M. Bible, and they have one son, Ludlow.

D. P. REAVIS, M. D., a leading physician of Gibson County, now engaged in the practice of medicine in Francisco, was born on the 6th of February, 1856, on the family homestead in this locality. His father, Logan Reavis, was a native of North Carolina, followed farming as a life work and in 1832 came to Gibson County, where he died eighteen years later at the age of fifty-three years. He married Nancy Beasley, daughter of Thomas Beasley, and her death occurred in 1882. Of their family of nine children,

the following are now living: Minnie E., Cochran; Julia, wife of E. B. Stevens; and D. P. In the common schools Dr. Reavis became familiar with the elementary branches of an English education, and on the homestead he received ample training at farm work, but not wishing to devote his life to agricultural pursuits, he began the study of medicine when eighteen years of age, and fitted himself for the profession to which he now devotes his energies. He was graduated from the Medical College of Indiana in 1880, after a two years' course, and at once located in Francisco, where came into active competition with older physicians of larger experience, but he soon gained the public confidence and has now a practice which might well be envied by many who have been much longer in business than he. He has been a close student of the profession and his broad knowledge and devotion to the interest of his patients has won him a skill and gained him a reputation that is indeed enviable. The Doctor was married in Gibson County, in October, 1880, to Keturah, daughter of S. J. Madden, of Illinois. Their union has been blessed with five children—M. Hovey, Jessie, Ralph, Don and an infant son. The Doctor is now camp physician for the Modern Woodmen of America of Francisco. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is serving as superintendent of the Sunday school, and does all in his power to advance the work of the church in this community. In 1884 he was elected Trustee of Center township, and in 1886 was re-elected. During his term he rendered most efficient service to the township by keeping up the roads and building bridges, and his record as a public official is beyond reproach.

J. C. PATTEN, M. D.—The world has little use for the misanthrope. The universal truth of brotherhood is widely recognized, also that he serves God best who serves his fellow men. There is no profession or line of business that calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession, and the successful physician is he who through love of his fellow men, gives his time and energy to the relief of human suffering. Dr. Patten, of Francisco, is one of the pioneer physicians of Gibson County, who through many years has practiced his chosen calling. Six miles from Columbia, Tennessee, on the Pulaski road, stood the home of Hugh Patten, and there on the 8th of March, 1826, the Doctor was born. In 1835 the father brought his family to Gibson County, and engaged in the practice of medicine in Princeton. He was a cultured gentleman, a graduate in literature of a college in Princeton, New Jersey, and for some years devoted his life to the work of the ministry. He married Jane Barclay, daughter of Samuel Barclay, of Rockbridge, Virginia, and the Doctor is the only surviving child. The father died in November, 1876, and the mother in 1879, at the age of sev-

enty-five. The paternal grandfather, James Patten, was born in Philadelphia, served as a soldier in the French and Indian war, and was a patriot in the army of Washington, being an officer on the staff of the commander-in-chief. After the close of the struggle which brought to America her independence, he located in Tennessee, and in 1804 removed to Vanderburgh County, Indiana, where he died in 1815. Dr. Patten, of this review, acquired his literary education in the schools of Princeton and in early manhood began reading medicine with Dr. William G. Helm, a brother of Governor Helm, of Kentucky. In 1847 and 1848, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he attended his first course of lectures and afterward pursued his professional studies in the Evansville Medical College, where he graduated in 1850. Two years previous he had opened an office for practice in Spencer County, and continued in the active prosecution of his profession until the war. Dr. Patten went to the front as a volunteer surgeon, being sent out by Governor Morton to aid in the care of Indiana troops after the battle of Corinth, and later was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and attached to Sherman's pontoon train. He served in that capacity from 1864 until the close of hostilities and his service was gratefully received by many a suffering hero of that sanguinary struggle. Since the war he has devoted himself almost exclusively to his profession and has built up a very large practice, which attests his superior skill and ability. He is the owner of a valuable farm in the Wabash Valley and has other property, all of which has been acquired through his own efforts. The Doctor was married in Gibson County, August 6, 1852, to Louisa, daughter of Ferdinand Marstella, who was lost on the Gulf of Mexico in 1844. Their children are Samuel, Morgan, Jennie, Elizabeth, Gilbert, Annie and Lewis. The Doctor is a Republican, and served as pension examiner for this county under President Harrison. He belongs to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Grand Army of the Republic, and his unfaltering devotion to all the duties of public and private life has won him high regard.

L. B. WALLACE is proprietor of a well equipped drug store in Francisco, and is a thorough-going business man, whose life is an exemplification of the progressive spirit which characterizes the west. He was born in Gibson County, and is a son of James S. Wallace, a well known farmer of this county, who served as a soldier in Company F, Forty-second Indiana Infantry during the Civil war. He married Matilda A. Ward, and they became parents of ten children, of whom four daughters died in infancy. The others are T. A., deceased, who served in Company A, Forty-second Indiana Infantry; L. B.; G. S., of Exeter, Nebraska, also one of the boys in blue of the late war; F. M., of Elk River, Minnesota, who was a member of Company F, One Hundred and

Twentieth Indiana Infantry; George T., of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Julia F., wife of William Heironimus, of Omaha, Nebraska. The grandfather, John T. Wallace, was one of Gibson County's pioneers. The gentleman whose name introduces this review is indebted to the common schools for his educational privileges. He was reared on a farm and assisted in the labors of field and meadow until seventeen years of age, when he secured a clerkship in the drug store of Samuel Jackson. The following year he began business for himself in Francisco, and has now been one of its successful merchants for sixteen years. He carries a large and well selected stock of drugs and his obliging manner and honorable dealing has won him a liberal patronage. In 1863, Mr. Wallace joined the Union army as a member of Company A, First Indiana Cavalry, and served in the western department under General Clayton. For two years he followed the old flag as a loyal defender of the cause it represented and was then mustered out, reaching home July 4, 1865. He has always supported the Republican party, and in religious belief is a Methodist. Mr. Wallace was married October 1, 1872, to Allie J., daughter of William Wood. She bore him the following children and then passed to her final rest: Thomas; E. W., who married Margaret Laughlin; and Flora C., wife of Henry Hegwer. Mr. Wallace afterward married Eliza Hussey, a daughter of John McClelland. Their children are Carl C. and Nellie O.

JAMES M. DOWNEY, one of Francisco's leading citizens, was born in Posey County, Indiana, May 14, 1821, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of that locality. His grandfather, William Downey, served as one of the minute men during the war of the Revolution, and participated in the battle of Guilford Court House. He now lies buried near Bowling Green, Kentucky. The father, James Downey, was born in North Carolina about 1793, and in his youth became a resident of Posey County. He married Ellen Journey, daughter of Joseph Journey. She was at that time a widow, and a son of her first marriage, Joe Davis, is living in Poseyville. Mr. and Mrs. Downey became parents of eight children—James M.; Lowrey, Margaret and Sarah E., deceased; George, of whom nothing has been heard since 1850; Carolina, deceased wife of George Reeves; and Newton and Permelia, twins. James M. Downey was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads of that day, and at the age of twenty-five removed from his native county to Vanderburgh County. In 1848 he came to Gibson County, where he was actively engaged in farming until 1894, when he disposed of the old home and took up his residence in Francisco, where in a beautiful dwelling he is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well merited rest. In August, 1862, he manifested his loyalty to the Union by joining Company B, Sixty-fifth Indiana Mounted

Infantry. His regiment was the first to enter Knoxville, and was largely engaged in duty in Tennessee. In 1864 Mr. Downey received an honorable discharge and returned home. He valiantly followed the old flag and in days of peace manifests the same loyalty to all duties of citizenship. In 1844 Mr. Downey married Miss Mary Ann Drysdale, daughter of James Drysdale. She died in 1884, leaving the following children: Sarah F., wife of H. F. Broadwell; William F., who married Cordelia Minnis; Caroline, deceased wife of George Miller; Margaret J., deceased wife of Martin De Wees; James N.; George L.; and Edgar. Mr. Downey is a Methodist.

HENRY F. BROADWELL, an enterprising farmer of Center township, was born in Warwick County, Indiana, October 1, 1838. His father, Henry Broadwell, a native of North Carolina, came to this state in 1818, and in 1828 located in Warwick County. He served as captain in the Twelfth Kentucky Infantry during the war of 1812, and died in Gibson County August 31, 1870, at the age of seventy-seven. His father, David Broadwell, was born in North Carolina, and died in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Shiloh Polson, and was born near the Natural Bridge in Virginia. Her children are Clinton, deceased; Nancy, deceased wife of W. F. Fowler; David, of York County, Nebraska; Emily, wife of John Townsend, of Anderson County, Kansas; Clarissa, widow of John Benton, of York County, Nebraska; Leroy, of Pike County, Indiana; Thomas, deceased; Henry F.; John W., deceased. There was also a half brother and sister—W. P. and Ellen, both of whom have passed away. Henry F. Broadwell acquired his education in the district schools, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1859 he came to Gibson County, and purchased the farm which he is now successfully operating. It comprises one hundred and eighty acres of valuable land and the well tilled fields and many improvements on the place indicate the thrift and enterprise of the owner. All his property has been acquired through his own efforts and fortune deals kindly with those who are willing to help themselves. In October, 1861, Mr. Broadwell joined the boys in blue of Company A, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He was wounded at Chickasaw and for fifteen days lay on the battle field. He was also wounded at Stone River. For three years he faithfully served his country, and was then honorably discharged November 25, 1864. Mr. Broadwell was married in Gibson County, May 7, 1865, to Sarah E. Downey, daughter of J. M. Downey, one of Gibson County's pioneers. Their children are Martha B., wife of W. A. Meade; Mary D., wife of H. W. Manz; David S.; James L., who died in 1893; Rufus A.; Emily C., wife of W. H. Witherspoon; Elizabeth E. and John W. Mr. Broadwell belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a man whose sterling worth commends him to the confidence and respect of all.

GEORGE STRICKLAND, M. D., of Francisco, whose professional reputation and social acquaintance extends beyond the bounds of Gibson County, was born in Patoka township, March 20, 1858, and is a son of James Strickland, who was born in this county in 1829. He spent his entire life here on a farm and died in 1896. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and was in active service until after the battle of Stone River, when the serious wounds that he there sustained necessitated his discharge. He married Elizabeth Garrison, daughter of Jacob Garrison, and her death occurred in 1866. Their children were George, Malinda, Lucretia and Samuel. The last named married Lizzie Wallis, and died leaving a daughter, Gladys. In early life he was a teacher, but at his death was a traveling salesman for A. F. Baker & Co., of Keokuk, Iowa. On the homestead farm Dr. Strickland remained until he had attained his majority. He was educated in the graded schools of his township, and the higher schools of Owensville, Princeton and Fort Branch. He engaged in teaching school for four terms in Gibson County and then with the view of making the practice of medicine his life work began reading in the office of Dr. S. H. Shoptaugh, of Princeton, April 1, 1880. He pursued his first course of lectures in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, took a second course in Louisville, and a third in the Kentucky School of Medicine, where he was graduated in 1883. In July of the same year he opened an office in Francisco, where his accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine and his success in practice has secured him a large patronage and lucrative business. On the 30th of January, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Strickland and Miss Louisa Granger, daughter of George Granger, of Evansville, Ind., a gentleman of French descent. He was a blacksmith by trade and came to Indiana prior to the war. The name was originally spelled Grangner. He had four children—Dan A., Mrs. Strickland, Lizzie G., and Mary, wife of J. M. Meade. The Doctor is a leading and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is secretary of the Southern Indiana Holiness Association. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Fraternity, the Modern Woodmen of America, and is past master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a Democrat and at one time was an active and influential worker in the party. He has been honored in his profession by the members of the medical fraternity, and is now president of the Gibson County Examining Board and vice president of the Gibson County Medical Society.

E. S. FARMER, one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers and stock dealers of Gibson County, was born near his present home October 10, 1843, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the community. His grand-

father, Ezekiel Farmer, came to the county at a very early day, bringing with him his family, including Fleming Farmer, the father of our subject, who was then a small boy. He was born in Gibson County, and was here reared to manhood. He was twice married and by his first union had one son, William, who is now living in Evansville, Indiana. For his second wife he chose Lavisa, daughter of William Woolsey, who was at that time a widow. One child of her first marriage is still living—A. C. Clifford, who resides near Oakland City, Indiana. By the second union there are four children—E. S., Estella, wife of John J. Taylor, of Mason County, Illinois; W. W., of Texas City, Illinois; and Cornelia P., wife of J. W. Davis, of Cowley County, Kansas. The father of this family died in 1867, at the age of sixty years, and the mother passed away in 1879. E. S. Farmer, of this review, was reared on the old family homestead and received but meagre educational privileges, but experience and observation has made him a well informed man. He had not yet attained his majority when responded to the President's call for troops and joined the First Indiana Infantry under Colonel Baker. The regiment was attached to the command of General Steele and mustered in at Indianapolis. He first met the enemy at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and continued in active service in the southwest until honorably discharged at the close of the war at Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas. He was four times wounded and still carries a rebel ball in his shoulder. Mr. Farmer arrived home July 4, 1865, and at once resumed agricultural pursuits, which he has since carried on in connection with stock dealing. For the past ten years he has been extensively engaged in shipping fat stock, and has made this a profitable source of income. He owns two farms near Francisco, aggregating three hundred and ninety-two acres, and a glance at these possessions will convince one of the industrious care of the owner. Mr. Farmer was married in August, 1867, to Rosie B., daughter of William Stewart, of Fayette County, Indiana, and their home is blessed with the following children—Charles C., Fred S., Bertha C., William F., Oliver M. and Stewart. The family is one of prominence in the community, and the members of the household occupy a high position in social circles. Mr. Farmer is a staunch Republican, and in 1888 was appointed Trustee of Center township, to fill out an unexpired term. His duties were faithfully performed and in private life he is the same loyal citizen who marched forth in defense of the Union during her hour of peril. He belongs to the Masonic Fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is held in the highest regard by the brethren of those societies.

THOMAS M. MAXAM, Trustee of Center township, was born in Gibson County, February 26, 1847. At Douglas Station was the old Maxam homestead, where the grandfather, Sylvester

Maxam, settled in 1818. He was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died on the farm, which was his home throughout his residence here. There his son, John S. Maxam, was born January 29, 1811. The homestead was his playground in boyhood and in later years he took an active part in its cultivation. His entire life was devoted to farming and stock-raising, and he was recognized as a leader in this line of business in Gibson County. He married Patsy Mattingly, a native of Perry County, Indiana, and they became parents of the following children—Gertrude, wife of George H. Wilkinson; Thomas M.; Loretta, wife of E. Hathaway; Estella, deceased wife of Frank Bittner; John A.; Sylvester H.; George W.; Joseph F. and Embree. The father of this family passed away March 14, 1882, but the mother is still living at the age of seventy years. Thomas M. Maxam was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads and his literary education was acquired in the public schools. Early in life he developed a great fondness for music and he afterward cultivated his talents in that direction, by pursuing a musical education in Chicago. He made his home with his parents until 1869, after which he spent four years in teaching music at various places. From 1873 until 1877 he followed farming and then turned his attention to railroading in the employ of the St. Louis Railroad Company. He was thus engaged until 1894, when he was elected Trustee of Center township, and in August, 1895, entered upon the discharge of his duties. Since April of the same year he has also engaged in the hardware business in Francisco. In Spencer County, Indiana, March 29, 1874, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Maxam and Miss Eliza, daughter of John Hisey, ex-Sheriff of Perry County, and County Commissioner for many years. The children of this union are Loretta E., Stella, Corliss, Stanley E. and Fannie. Mr. Maxam is a staunch Republican, and is master-master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows' Society, has taken the encampment degrees, is past grand of the local lodge and was the representative to the grand lodge in 1893. In business life, in political office and in social circles he is held in highest esteem by all with whom he has been brought in contact, and his many excellent characteristics have gained him a large circle of friends.

A. J. DRYSDALE, a progressive, industrious farmer of Francisco, was born in the neighborhood of his present home, January 17, 1850. His father, Caleb Drysdale, a nearly settler of Gibson County, was born near Covington, Kentucky, in 1815. He located in this county in 1846, and followed farming until his death in 1879. In politics he was a pronounced Democrat, and in 1874 served on the Board of County Commissioners in company with John N. Mangrum and Moses K. Robb. He married Nancy Williams, a native of Posey County, Indiana, and their children

were James B., who died from wounds received in the battle of Stone River; Lavina, wife of C. R. Finck, of Oklahoma; Mary F., wife of Greenbury Williams, of Posey County; A. J.; George W.; Sarah E., wife of John W. Tribble, Sheriff of Gibson County; Matilda J., of Decatur, Illinois; Cornelius, Absolom H., Melissa and Mrs. Mattie Wilson, all of Union Star, Missouri. A. J. Drysdale has spent his entire life on the home farm and received the school privileges afforded in the district. He led to the marriage altar, in 1873, Miss Annie De Priest, daughter of William De Priest, and they have ten children, namely: William C., Lloyd E., N. Adelia, Dicy C., Roland L., Clara E., Ada E., Raymond E., Lora and Mary. Mr. Drysdale is one of the prominent men of the Democratic party in Gibson County. He was elected Trustee of Center township in 1888, and by re-election served continuously until August, 1895, during which time he was instrumental in building several school houses, an iron bridge and in making other substantial improvements in the county. Those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends, a fact which indicates a well spent life.

JOSEPH GREEK, a highly respected and prosperous farmer of Center township, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1822. At an early day his father emigrated with his family to Indiana, going down the Ohio River on a flatboat. There he followed his trade of carpentering until his death in 1835. He was then forty years of age. His wife, Catherine (Sellers) Greek, died in 1875, at the age of eighty years. Their children were John, of Evansville; Joseph, Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Mills; Samuel and Henry, both of Princeton; Mary, wife of Hugh McSperry, of Princeton; and Catherine, wife of Robert Henry, of Terre Haute, Indiana. In his early youth Joseph Greek was employed in various ways and finally secured a situation in a brick yard, where he remained for several years, thus getting a start in life for himself. In 1851 he located upon his present farm, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres. He was only able to make a partial payment, but he worked industriously and by the assistance of his estimable wife, who has indeed proved a helpmeet to him, he was not only, after a few years, able to pay off his indebtedness, but also added to his property. In 1847 Mr. Greek went to visit friends and there met Miss Berilla Mills, whom he made his wife on the 13th of March, 1848. Her father, Dustin Mills, was born in Kennebec County, Maine, and in 1817 removed to the Genesee Valley in New York. The following year the family came down the Ohio River to Evansville, then called Smith's Landing. Dustin Mills was at the time a youth of fifteen. His father, James Mills, was the son of a Revolutionary soldier and was the son of a well-to-do man. In Gibson County he purchased a large tract of land. He died in 1840 when about

seventy years of age and lies buried near Moore's Bridge. Dustin Mills always resided on the farm which he inherited from his father. He served as Major in the State Militia, and was a man of considerable influence in the community. He died in 1875. His wife, Louisa Mills, was a daughter of Joshua Stapleton, one of the heroes of the battle of Tippecanoe. They became parents of the following children: Berilla, born March 14, 1829; Adelia, deceased wife of Charles King; Cecelia, deceased wife of George Smith; Zellissa, deceased wife of Samuel Greek; Byron, of Princeton; Horace, who has also passed away; Elvira; Albert, of Princeton; Almira, deceased; John, of Princeton; and Mary, wife of Lewis Olds. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Greek are Ellen, who married John Seals, and died April 11, 1873; A. T.; Joanna, who became the wife of M. T. Paul, and died October 20, 1873; Samuel M. and George W., both deceased; John H.; Alice M., wife of James T. Brown; A. L., who died July 8, 1876; Hattie L., wife of James P. McCornick; Mary A., who died March 20, 1868; Rhoda, wife of Thomas McElhinney; and Zellissa, wife of William McElhinney. Mr. and Mrs. Greek are prominent members in the Francisco General Baptist Church, and are ardent advocates of Republican principles, the lady, like her husband, taking a deep interest in the political situation of the country. Their well spent lives have won them the highest regard of many friends and they well deserve representation in this volume.

CAPTAIN C. C. WHITING, ex-Assessor of Gibson County, was born in Cynthiana, Posey County, Indiana, February 2, 1832. His father, Clement Whiting, was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, October 12, 1789; removed to Kentucky, thence to Indiana, in 1818, and settled in Cynthiana, Posey County, where he followed agricultural pursuits and general merchandising. He was twice married, first marrying a Miss Endicott, and secondly Miss Sarah Nash, who was born September 5, 1803, and was the mother of the subject of this review. By his first marriage Clement Whiting became the father of the following children: Susan J., William J., Nancy E., and John S., all of whom are deceased. John S. Whiting was a physician, and was a soldier in both the Mexican war and the Civil war. Unto the second marriage of Clement Whiting there were born the following children: Charles Covat, the subject of this sketch; Sarah E.; Mary A.; Margaret J.; Jesse T. M., who served in the Civil war as a Sergeant in Company F, Eightieth Indiana Regiment, and was killed at the battle of Resacca on May 14, 1864; Lydia A.; James P., who served also in the Civil war in Company F, Eightieth Indiana, and died shortly after the war, from sickness contracted in the army. The father and mother of these children were people of sterling qualities, and were pioneers of this section of Indiana. The Whiting family, by inter-marriages, is related to the Washington, the Fairfax, the

Montague, the Beverly and other prominent Virginia families. Captain C. C. Whiting was reared in Posey County; was given a common school education, and his labors of youth were on the farm. In October of 1855, he married Louisiana, daughter of Dr. J. R. Craig, and settled down in life on a farm. He continued farming until the Civil war came on, and responding to the call for troops in the defense of the Union, Mr. Whiting enlisted in Company A, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the closing of the battle of Shiloh, and his first regular engagement was at the battle of Stone River. He was seriously wounded in said battle. He had also participated in the siege of Corinth. He bore a part in the battles of Chickamauga and Mission Ridge and in the relief of Knoxville, Tennessee; also in the Atlanta campaign. His regiment was detailed as a pontoon corps after the fall of Atlanta, and Captain Whiting supervised the construction of bridges along the route of Sherman's army by way of Savannah, Georgia, from Atlanta to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review of the Union army. Mr. Whiting entered the service as a private and was made First Sergeant, and was in turn commissioned Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Adjutant of the regiment and Captain of Company A, the promotions being well merited by reason of his gallant conduct and bravery on the field of battle. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Archer Post, No. 28, and Lodge 231, F. & A. M. On the close of the war Captain Whiting returned home and later settled in Gibson County, where he has become a popular and widely known citizen. He has always been an enthusiastic and stalwart republican. In 1868 he was elected County Treasurer, which office he filled with much satisfaction to the people of the county. Afterward he served as real estate appraiser for school fund purposes, and in 1891 was appointed County Assessor to fill a vacancy, and after serving eighteen months in that capacity was elected in 1892 to the office, which he held for four years thereafter. He is a loyal American citizen, and possesses those sterling qualities everywhere commanding respect. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting's children are these: Jessie C.; Sallie A.; Ella M., deceased; Dr. Charles O., deceased; and Maggie A., deceased.

JAMES M. COCKRUM is one of the oldest native citizens of Gibson County, his birth having here occurred March 26, 1828. Since attaining to man's estate he has been an active factor in the development of the community and well deserves representation in this volume. His father, Colonel James W. Cockrum, was born in North Carolina, in 1799, and came with the father, James Cockrum, to Indiana territory, locating near Fort Branch in 1809. Subsequently James Cockrum lived on a farm which is now the site of Francisco, but spent his last days in Granada, Mississippi. James W. Cockrum was married in Tennessee to Sarah Barrett,

who died in Mississippi in 1834. Their children were Columbus, who died at the age of twenty-two; Dennis W.; Alexander H., who served in the Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and died at Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Caroline, deceased wife of M. G. C. Hargrove; America J., deceased wife of John Garrett. The father was a second time married, wedding Judith Barrett, a sister of his first wife. Their children are Colonel W. M.; Cinderella P., wife of Edward Crow; and Henry C., who died in the army. In the spring of 1834 James W. Cockrum loaded several flatboats on the Patoka River and with his family went to the south. His wife died during the trip. He twice served in the Legislature, being elected in 1848, and again in 1852 on the Whig ticket. Mr. Cockrum, of this review, was reared on the home farm, and educated in the common schools, often walking five miles to the school house. On the 1st of January, 1850, he located on the farm, which has since been his home, and has continuously devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, although in connection with this he has followed other pursuits. As a partner of J. W. Hargrove, he established the first dry goods store in Oakland City and successfully conducted it until the beginning of the war. On the 25th of September, 1861, he joined Company E, Forty-second Indiana Infantry, and was mustered in at Evansville on the 8th of October. The regiment then went to Henderson, Kentucky, to the Green River, and on to Nashville, Tennessee. Failing health then caused Mr. Cockrum to return home, but he afterward attempted to join the One Hundred and Twentieth Indiana Infantry, but was not accepted. Mr. Cockrum has been an important factor in the business interests of this section of the county. In 1864 he was admitted to the bar before Judge John Pitcher, and practiced law and carried on the real estate business until 1876, when he once more embarked in merchandising. For nine years he conducted his store, and in the undertaking prospered, owing to his honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his patrons. Mr. Cockrum was married December 5, 1849, to Elizabeth S., daughter of Jasper Hargrove. She died February 17, 1855, and on the 15th of January, 1857, Mr. Cockrum wedded Mary E. Richey, who died May 22, 1865, leaving three children, of whom one is now living, Sallie. Our subject afterward wedded Sarah F. Thomas, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Thomas, and their children are James H.; Charles V., a member of the regular army; Jesse L., Thomas R., Ralph and Edna. Mr. Cockrum established the postoffice at Oakland City and was the first postmaster of this place. He served as postmaster from 1857 until 1861, from 1863 until 1865, and was again appointed by President Harrison for a four years' term. In 1866 he was nominated by the Republican party as representative from this county in the general assembly. He is a demitted Mason, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows and to the Grand Army of the Republic, serving as the first commander of A. H. Cockrum Post, No. 520.

GEORGE C. MASON, M. D., is one of the substantial citizens and leading medical practitioners of Oakland City, and his name is inseparably connected with its history on account of the prominent part he has taken in public affairs. He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Gibson County, and is descended from Rezin Mason, Sr., a man of Scotch birth, who founded the family in Virginia. His son, Rezin Mason, Jr., was born near Winchester, Virginia, in 1818, and in 1836 came to Gibson County with his mother and three sisters, Eliza, Jane and Susan. The daughters afterward married Abraham Null, Andrew Skelton and Levi Burton, respectively. Rezin Mason was married in 1846 to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Jane (Steele) Martin. Of their ten children four are living, namely: George C.; Ada, wife of John Green; Agnes E., wife of John Miller; and Dr. R. S. Mason. George C. Mason was born and reared on his father's farm and his elementary education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by two years' study in the State University of Bloomington, Indiana. He afterward engaged in teaching school, and followed that profession with marked success for several years. He was associate principal with Prof. Lee Tomlin for two years in the Oakland Normal School and also superintendent of the Fort Branch and Hazelton high schools. In 1876 he determined to engage in the practice of medicine as a life work and obtained his professional education in the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis, from which he graduated in 1879 and immediately afterwards came to Oakland City, where he soon secured a large practice, which has steadily increased, as his skill and ability have been demonstrated. He now ranks among the foremost physicians of the county. The Doctor has been a close student of the political history of the country and the questions of the day, and fearlessly defends his honest convictions. In 1880 he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent Gibson County in the State Legislature, and was a valued member of the assembly, both in the committee room and on the floor of the house. He aided in the passage of a measure which resulted in the improvement of public roads, supported the bill permitting counties to establish homes for orphans and his own bill for the relief of property from double taxation attracted much attention. He was also chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Indiana Deaf and Dumb Asylum. The Doctor has served for fourteen years as president of the Oakland City school board, and has done much to advance the cause of education. He is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church and is actively interested in all that pertains to the best development of the community. He

is a member of the Gibson County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also the local surgeon for the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Consolidated Railroad and the Evansville & Indianapolis Railroad. Dr. Mason was married at Princeton, Indiana, July 17th, 1873, to Elizabeth L. Henderson, who is a native of Ohio and was born in Guernsey County, February 10th, 1847, and is a daughter of Thomas W. and Jane (McCrea) Henderson. Four children have been born to this union, viz.: Gertrude S., born April 20th, 1878.; Grace L., born July 17th, 1881, and died January 23d, 1887; George C., born September 15th, 1884, and died April 4th, 1885; Russell L., born June 24th, 1886. Gertrude S. Mason graduated from the Oakland City high school in 1896, and is now engaged in the study of music. She intends to enter college this year and take the complete course in science and music. Russel L. Mason, who is now in school, has fully decided to follow his father's footsteps in the profession of medicine.

W. M. CHAPPELL was born November 22, 1869, in Columbia township, where he still makes his home, a son of James E. and Nancy J. Chappell. The paternal grandfather, William Chappell, a cooper and farmer, came to Indiana in 1834, locating in Pike County. The maternal grandparents were John and Mary Harper. James E. Chappell was born within a few miles of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1824, and during his boyhood came to Indiana. During the war he joined the Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry as a private, but his valiant and meritorious service won him promotion, and he was mustered out with the rank of captain of Company G. From 1867 until 1869 inclusive he served as trustee of Columbia township, and during that time, although strongly opposed, succeeded in establishing the first graded school in the township. The children of Captain and Mrs. Chappell are Laura, wife of D. W. Christmas; W. M.; Lula, wife of W. P. Arnold; Archibald; John; Ruth; Brett; Kate, deceased wife of Professor N. C. Johnson; and Martha, deceased.

W. M. Chappell acquired a good education in the public schools of his township, and at the age of nineteen began teaching, a profession which he followed for ten consecutive winters. He was a successful educator, his services giving excellent satisfaction in the districts where he was employed. In the summer he followed farming and for six years has conducted a farm just southwest of Oakland City. He is now serving as Trustee of Columbia township, and the cause of education has been materially advanced through his efforts. The school buildings have been placed in good condition and in District No. 7 he has arranged that two departments shall be conducted. This is the only country graded school in Columbia township, excepting the Oakland City schools, and Mr. Chappell deserves the gratitude of his

fellow citizens for his promotion of educational interests. On the 22nd of October, 1891, Mr. Chappell was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary L. Daugherty, daughter of H. C. Daugherty, who located near Owensville, Indiana, at an early day. They have one son, James Henry, born in 1893. Mr. Chappell is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Public spirited and progressive, he withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to advance the general welfare.

WILLIAM H. COLEMAN is one of the popular and prominent citizens of Gibson County. He was born in Pike County, Indiana, November 18, 1842, and when three years of age was brought to this county by his father, Henry F. Coleman, who located within a half mile of the present home of our subject. He followed farming throughout life, and met with a fair degree of success. A native of Kentucky, he died in Gibson County. In 1881, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Margaret Coleman, was a daughter of William Taylor, who came to this county from Tennessee. Their children are Laura, Rachel, Nancy, Martha, Dr. J. W. and William H. Our subject spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and at his country's call for troops to aid in putting down the rebellion, joined Company F, of the Thirty-third Indiana Infantry. He was mustered in at Indianapolis, and first met the enemy in Kentucky. He participated in the Atlanta campaign, veteranized at Christiana, Tennessee, went with Sherman on the march to the sea and through the Carolinas, and took part in the grand review in Washington, D. C. For four years he followed the old flag and made himself an honorable war record. After his return home, Mr. Coleman engaged in farming for two years, and then embarked in the drug business in Oakland City, conducting his store for four years. Through the next season he again operated a farm, and then accepted a position as salesman in the drug store of J. J. Cosby. About this time he served one term as Township Trustee, and was re-elected for a second term when the Republicans nominated him for Circuit Clerk of the county and he resigned the former position. In 1890 he was re-elected a Clerk by a larger vote than was given any other candidate on the ticket. On his retirement from public office he returned to the farm, and is now numbered among the leading agriculturists of Gibson County. On the 24th of December, 1866, Mr. Coleman wedded Hannah M. Crawford. Their children are Eunice, wife of H. C. Helt; Charlie C.; and Ruth. They also lost three children—Herbert B., John C. and William L. The family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

JOHN T. THOMPSON.—Indiana is settled by a class of citizens in whom are combined the marked progressiveness of the

west with the steadiness and executive ability of those of the east, and their stability has founded a state that ranks among the foremost of the nation. Mr. Thompson is a worthy representative of Indiana's citizens and one of her native sons. He was born in Rockport, April 5, 1858. His father, George W. Thompson, a native of Kentucky, came to Indiana during his boyhood and was married here to Susan Ales, whose parents were natives of Virginia. In 1860 Mr. Thompson removed with his family to Gibson County, locating on a farm near Owensville, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1887, at the age of fifty-two years. John T. Thompson is the second in a family of five children. He was reared on the home farm in Gibson County, and carried on agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he began the operation of a planing mill, entering into partnership with S. J. McCullough. They erected a planing mill, which they are now successfully operating. They also handle lumber and builder's supplies and furnish employment to a force of eight men. Their business is steadily increasing, for their straightforward methods and excellent product secure them the patronage of many. Mr. Thompson was married in July, 1878, to Emma, daughter of John M. Smith. She died May 8, 1887, leaving a son, Edgar M. On the 17th of August, 1889, Mr. Thompson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary C. Spore, daughter of William Kendle. They have one child, Eliza Fern. Mr. Thompson is a valued member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He also belongs to the United Brethren Church, and in politics is a Democrat, believing in the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He has many friends in Gibson County, where his entire life has been passed, and his friendship is prized most by those who know him best.

J. W. McGOWAN, M. D., a well known and highly esteemed physician of Oakland City, was born in Monticello, Wayne County, Kentucky, January 22, 1854. His grandfather, Samuel McGowan, was a Virginian by birth, and died on the old Kentucky homestead in 1882, at the age of ninety-three. He married Mary Haynes, and was the father of fourteen children, among whom were Dr. W. J. and Mrs. Noble McCullough. The subject of this sketch is a son of Dr. W. J. McGowan, who was born in Wayne County, Kentucky, and received his educational training there. He graduated from the University of Louisville in 1859, and as surgeon advanced the cause of the Union during the Civil war. On the Democratic ticket he was elected to the Indiana Legislature in the early '70s. He married Delilah J., daughter of Nelson Ramsey, who survives him. The only living child of this marriage is Dr. J. W. McGowan. He came with his parents to Indiana in 1863, and from an early age was deeply interested in the science of medicine. He began reading when only twelve

years of age, and practiced with his father long before receiving his diploma, which was granted him by the University of Louisville in 1881. In 1889 he was appointed government physician in Montana penitentiary, where he remained one year, and then resumed practice in Oakland City, where he is now enjoying a large and lucrative business. The Doctor has always been a staunch Democrat, and his faithful service in the interest of the party secured him his government appointment. He was elected to the town council of Oakland City by one hundred and fifty majority, a fact which indicates his great personal popularity, for the town is regarded as a Republican stronghold. Socially, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Red Men, and is also a Knight Templar.

P. H. LAMB, of Oakland City, was born near Rome, Perry County, Indiana, November 24, 1854, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state. His grandfather, Solomon Lamb, located near Rome about the beginning of the present century. His father, Major W. S. Lamb, was born there in 1816, and in early life practiced law and served for fourteen years as Circuit Clerk of Perry County. During the war he was appointed paymaster with the rank of Major, and at the beginning of the struggle was arrested at Memphis, Tennessee, charged with being an Abolitionist. The proof being that he voted for Abraham Lincoln. The latter fact was so, and since that time he has always been an advocate of the Republican party, to which his sons also adhere. By appointment of President Arthur he served as store keeper and gauger for the government at Tell City for nine years. He married Julia, daughter of Dr. George B. Thompson, and they became parents of seven children. The mother died in 1880, and four of the children have passed away. Those living are W. R., of Galena, Kansas; Henry C., of Jefferson County, Indiana; and P. H. Mr. Lamb, of this review, obtained his education in the common schools, and followed farming until August, 1884, when he embarked in the livery business in Oakland City. He also began the undertaking business in 1892 after having thoroughly prepared for this work in Evansville, Indiana, under Professor Clark, of Springfield, Ohio, receiving a diploma as a professional embalmer. His livery is well patronized, and he is doing an excellent business. Mr. Lamb was married in Perry County, July 9, 1876, to Louisa, daughter of John Ploch. Their children are Esther and John. Mr. Lamb is now a member of the town council, and is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and to the Knights of Pythias Fraternity. Since locating in Oakland City his barn was destroyed by fire, but he has resolutely worked his way upward and is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

S. S. REED, president of the town council and an enterprising real estate dealer of Oakland City, was born in Pike County, Indiana, November 29, 1839. His father, Elijah Reed, a native of North Carolina, came to this state when about twenty years of age, locating in Bloomington, where he married Rebecca Slater. Their children are John W., S. S. and Clark, all of Gibson County; Richard and Elisha, of Pike County; Joseph, Elijah and Peter, of Gibson County; Jane, wife of Jacob Riddle; Phoebe, wife of Harrison English; Malinda, wife of Frank Bilderback; Rebecca, wife of William Davis; and Sarah, wife of George Ross. The paternal grandfather, Robert Reed, was born in North Carolina, followed farming throughout life and died in Warrick County, Indiana. S. S. Reed spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and in the winter season attended school. He first left home to enter his country's service as a defender of the Union, enlisting in Company K, Forty-second Indiana Infantry, in September, 1861. He was mustered in at Evansville, and first met the enemy in battle at Perrysville. He participated in the Atlanta campaign, then returned north with General Thomas and took part in the battle of Franklin. At Rome, Georgia, on the expiration of his three years' term, he was honorably discharged in September, 1864. For twenty years thereafter he followed farming, and then came to Oakland City, where he successfully carried on merchandising until July, 1895. His executive ability, his keen foresight and earnest labor brought to him prosperity, and he is now devoting his time to his real estate interests, in which he has invested his well earned capital. Mr. Reed was married in Columbus, Missouri, in February, 1866, to Jane, daughter of Robert Hayden, a farmer. They have three daughters—Laura, wife of Dr. McCord; Lydia, wife of A. J. Carlisle, and Lula A., who married Fred Benton. Mr. Reed is an esteemed member of A. H. Cockrum Post, G. A. R.; and in politics is a staunch Republican. In 1882 he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving for ten years, and is now president of the town council. He is also chairman of the Republican Central Committee of his township, and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party.

GEORGE A. KLENCK is a worthy representative of the industrial interests of Oakland City, where he is actively engaged in business as proprietor of the Columbia Milling Company. He erected the mill and began its operation in 1882. After conducting it for two years it was destroyed by fire in 1884, entailing a heavy loss, but the plant was at once restored and business resumed. Employment is furnished to seven men and the capacity of the mill is one hundred and fifty barrels of flour per day. The excellent grade of flour manufactured has secured a large and profitable business and the enterprising owner is now numbered

among the prosperous residents of Oakland City. He was born in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, June 18, 1856, and is a son of John W. Klenck, who was born in Wittenbach, Germany, in 1830, and is now associated with his son in business. He was married in Evansville, Indiana, to Catherine Matz, who died in September, 1893, leaving six children, namely: George A.; Jacob L.; Fred J.; Amelia, wife of Fred Rice, of Evansville; Mary and Maggie. George A. Klenck was reared and educated in his native county, and learned the milling business under H. Vahlberg, of Evansville, Indiana. In 1878, he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent one year in the service of the Kansas City Milling Company, and then returned to Evansville, where he was employed in the mill of George Brose, until 1881. He has since been identified with the business interests of Oakland City. On the 10th of November, 1881, in Vanderburgh County, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Klenck and Miss Carrie, daughter of Edward Wilhelm. Their children are John E., Carl F., Roy, George and Tessie. Mr. Klenck is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, belongs to the Knight Templar Commandery, is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Fraternity, and has represented both organizations in the grand lodge. He is thoroughly American in spirit, a loyal citizen and an advocate of sound money.

GEORGE M. BOHNERT, one of the leading merchants of Oakland City, and secretary, treasurer and manager of the Oakland City Electric Light Company, was born in Jasper, Indiana, April 25, 1865. His father, Wendolin Bohnert, was born in Germany, and married Kihnde Kihnda. Both died about twenty-seven years ago, leaving a good estate. Their children are Joseph, of Washington, Indiana; John, of Colorado; Antone, of Jasper, Indiana; Henry, of Washington; Edward, of Jasper; George M.; Albert, of Jasper; and Mary, wife of John P. Fuhs. The subject of this sketch learned the tinner's trade with Levi Spayd, and after a year went to Washington, Indiana, where he entered the employ of J. H. Maher, with whom he remained five years. He then came to Oakland City, and entered the tin department in the hardware store of Mr. Springer, but after six months he bought out his employer. He now carries a large and well selected stock of shelf and heavy hardware, and is doing a good business along that line. In March, 1893, in company with Fred Auch, he established the electric light plant, with a capacity of two thousand candle power, and is now conducting the same. He is also a director of the building and loan association, and his close connection with the industrial and commercial interests of the city has not only brought to him success, but has largely advanced the material welfare of the community. In politics he is an advocate of the Democracy. On the 28th of May, 1890, in

Warrick County, Mr. Bohnert led to the marriage altar Miss Annie Kinderman, a daughter of William Kinderman, a prominent citizen and retired merchant of Boonville. They have two children—Mildred M. and Harry. Mr. Bohnert is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias Fraternity, and by his brethren of these societies is held in high esteem.

JOHN F. GUDGEL, M. D., one of the ablest physicians of Gibson County, whose skill and ability have gained him marked distinction as a member of the medical profession, is numbered among Gibson County's pioneers and native citizens. He was born in Columbia township, January 29, 1849. His father, Andrew Gudgel, was born near Owensville, Indiana, in 1825, a son of William Gudgel, who was of German descent and removed from his Kentucky home to Owensville, in 1812. Andrew Gudgel was a brave Union soldier during the Civil war, serving in Company A, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and is now a leading citizen of Columbia township, daughter of John Wallace. The Doctor is the second of their five children. It was his parents' wish that he follow the pursuit to which he was reared—farming, but a liberal education and a decided taste for professional life placed his choice elsewhere. At an early age he began teaching in the public schools, which profession he followed for six years, and at the age of twenty-two took up the study of Medicine, under the direction of Dr. W. J. McGowan, of Oakland City. He was a student in the Miami School of Medicine in Cincinnati, in 1874-5, after which he spent three years in active practice in Hazelton, and then entered the Kentucky School of Medicine, where he was graduated in 1879. He has since been one of the active practitioners of Gibson County, and to-day enjoys a liberal patronage. He is a member of the County Medical Society, and the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, and is a man whose broad study has made him especially well fitted for his chosen calling. The Doctor was married in Hazelton in April, 1875, to Nancy Baldwin, daughter of Reuben Baldwin, a retired merchant of Princeton, and a retired merchant of Gibson County. They have five children—Harry B., born in 1877; Jesse B., born in 1879; Millara, in 1881; Everett D., in 1883; and Ruth E., in 1885. The Doctor belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, and is a Republican in politics.

R. R. RICKETTS, M. D.—There is no field of labor to which man devotes his energies which calls for more thorough investigation and broader research than the medical profession. One cannot by purchase or influence attain an honorable place among its members, but must by skill and ability work his way upward. This Dr. Ricketts has done, and his high reputation enables him to command a liberal patronage. The Doctor was born in Warrick

County, Indiana, September 20, 1839, a son of Thomas and Mary (Edrington) Ricketts. His father was born in Orange County, Indiana, followed farming throughout his life, and died in Warrick County, in 1874, at the age of sixty-six years. The mother was a daughter of Silas Edrington, a native of the Palmetto State. The Doctor is the second of a family of eleven children, but only two are now living, he and his sister, Mrs. Isabel Shoemaker. The Doctor acquired his education in Boonville and Lynnville, and engaged in the practice of medicine in Pike County at the age of twenty-eight, a representative of eclectic school. He located in Knox County in 1879, and in 1890 removed to Hazelton. He now enjoys an extended practice, which at once attests his ability and the confidence reposed in him. He is a member of the Eclectic Medical Society of Indianapolis, and socially is a Royal Arch Mason. His political support is given the Populist party. At the age of twenty-two, Dr. Ricketts was married in Warrick County, to Mary J. Clark, who died in 1873, leaving two children—Lewis R., now deceased; and Franklin. In 1878 the Doctor was again married in Warrick County, his second union being with Mary A., daughter of Jacob Reed. Three children bless this union—I Homer, A. Russell and Silas.

CHARLES L. HOWARD, whose ability as an educator is well known in Gibson County, was born in Hazelton, in the house which is now his home, September 1, 1866. His father, Dr. E. J. Howard, a native of Tennessee, was graduated from the Medical College of Nashville, and in 1862 came to Hazelton. For two years he was principal of the first graded school established here and was a leading promoter of interests calculated to benefit the community. He served his country as a Union soldier in the One Hundred and Forty-third Indiana Infantry, and was a valiant defender of the stars and stripes. He died October 4, 1882, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Houk, still survives him. Their children are William H., of Terre Haute, Indiana; Amy J. and Charles L. At the early age of eighteen Charles L. Howard began teaching, and for six years followed that profession in the country schools. He was then made principal of the graded schools of Hazelton, acting in that capacity from 1889 until 1895. His broad general information and his capability of imparting readily to others the knowledge he has acquired, has made him very successful in the line of educational work, and his fellow townsmen have shown their appreciation of his services by electing him to the office of Trustee of White River township, so that he now has in charge the schools of that district. He was nominated for that position on the Democratic ticket and was elected in November, 1894, by a majority of ninety-seven, although the Republicans had carried the district the previous year. This fact well indicates his personal popularity

and the confidence reposed in him. Socially he is past master of the Masonic Fraternity, past grand of the Odd Fellows' Society, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

MARSHALL HARRISON has been an important factor in the development and progress of Gibson County, and his name is inseparably connected with its business and political history. He was born in this county, March 5, 1839. His father, Azza Harrison, a native of Mason County, Kentucky, located here about 1836. He was born in 1801, and died in Vincennes, Indiana, in 1876. He married Nancy E. Evans, who departed this life in April, 1893. Her children are Jane, widow of Josiah Nixon; Elizabeth, deceased wife of J. T. Ewing; Tabitha, deceased wife of John Wilburn; Marshall; Mary, wife of William Kingsbury, of Ponca, Nebraska; Melvina, deceased wife of J. T. Ewing; and Henry. The grandfather of our subject, Samuel Harrison, was a native of Maryland, and removed to Kentucky during its pioneer epoch. Marshall Harrison spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads and after mastering the branches of study taught in the common schools, spent one year in school in Mason County, Kentucky. During the greater part of his life he carried on agricultural pursuits. Soon after his marriage he purchased a portion of the old homestead, whereon he resided until after the death of his wife. Since 1892 he has devoted his attention to other interests, both public and private. He was married in December, 1862, in White River township, to Sarah Riley, daughter of James Riley. She died in April, 1894, leaving one child, L. W., now a reporter for the Morning Sun, published in Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Harrison has long been an active worker in the interests of Democracy, and was his party's candidate for County Treasurer in 1894. He was elected Township Trustee in 1887, and re-elected in 1889, serving in all for seven years. No more capable official has ever been called to that office. During his incumbency he succeeded in paying off a township debt of five thousand three hundred dollars, much of which had been incurred twelve years previous. Through his instrumentality five new school houses were erected and the old ones remodelled by building vestibules and putting in slate blackboards. He supplied the township with new road graders and scrapers, and after all this expenditure, turned over to his successor one thousand dollars in cash. His able administration wrought a vast improvement in the township, and his long continuance in office well indicated the satisfaction which his fellow townsmen felt over his work. He is one of the most progressive and public-spirited residents of this section of Gibson County, and his circle of friends is very extensive.

W. F. HUDELSON, ex-Trustee and Justice of the Peace of

White River township, was born in the neighborhood of his present home, October 9, 1840. His father, James Hudelson, a native of Hardin County, Kentucky, located in Montgomery township, Gibson County, in 1817, and in 1838 removed to White River township. The same year he began flatboating, carrying pork and corn to New Orleans. His business increased as time passed until he had quite a large number of boats, making annual trips to the Crescent City. He continued that business until 1862, when the Civil war prevented all intercourse between the two sections of the country. Throughout his remaining days he followed farming, and died in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a man of keen foresight and business sagacity, progressive and public-spirited, and was frequently called to serve as County Commissioner by the Democratic party. His father, Alexander Hudelson, was a native of the Emerald Isle, and at his death, at the age of seventy-nine, was laid to rest in the cemetery of Princeton. The mother of our subject, Elizabeth Hudelson, was a daughter of Patrick Paine, a Virginian, whose ancestors were from France. Mrs. Hudelson died in 1856. Of her eleven children the following survive: Annie E., wife of R. N. Parrett, of Patoka; Susan A., wife of Thomas Stewart; Martha L., widow of Rev. I. L. Craig; Hattie B., wife of L. B. Church, of Cairo, Illinois; Kate B., wife of W. D. Daniels, of Evansville; and W. F. The last named acquired his early education in the primitive subscription schools, but afterward attended the State University in Bloomington. In 1859 he embarked in farming on his own account, and was thus occupied until August, 1862, when he enlisted for three years' service in Company A, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. He was mustered in at Princeton, then went to Louisville, afterward participated in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, and thence went to Knoxville, where Mr. Hudelson suffered an attack of rheumatism, which prevented his further service in the field. He was mustered out August 11, 1865, and for twelve years thereafter engaged in merchandising at Patoka. In 1880 he was elected Trustee, the first Republican ever chosen to that position in White River township. He has been notary public for several years, and for two years was elected Justice of the Peace. Mr. Hudelson was married in October, 1866, to Delilah Ann, daughter of Archibald Spain. Their children are Charles, now train dispatcher in Estherville, Iowa; Agnes, wife of M. O. Bicknell, of El Paso, Texas; and Oliver, of Patoka.

R. N. CHAPPELLE, principal of the Patoka schools, was born in Pike County, Indiana, November 1, 1868, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this state. His great-grandfather came from North Carolina to Indiana at a very early day, and the grandfather, Stephen Chappelle, was born in an old block house in Petersburg. His father, Captain W. E.

Chappelle, was born in Pike County, sixty-two years ago, and has spent his entire life as an agriculturist. As commander of Company I, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, he won his title, and among the valiant boys in blue he was numbered. He married Elizabeth Case, daughter of Washington Case, and they became parents of nine children—McL., postmaster of Minden, Nebraska; Stephen R., of Minden; Austin M., of Algiers, Indiana; William F., of Arkansas; James L., of Illinois; Carrie E., wife of Perry Anderson, of Dubois County, Indiana; Maggie A., wife of Lewis Taylor, of Pike County; and Frederick E., of Algiers. On his father's farm Professor Chappelle spent his boyhood and his elementary education, acquired in Petersburg, Indiana, was supplemented by study in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. At the age of nineteen he began teaching in Pike County. The following year he taught in Gibson County, and in 1891 was employed in the Princeton schools. Since 1892 he has been principal of the Patoka schools, and has raised them to a high standard of excellence. Among the efficient educators of Southern Indiana he is numbered, his ability gaining him marked prestige. Professor Chappelle was married in Gibson County, September 10, 1895, to Alda, daughter of Andrew Cunningham, and they have one son, Charles R. Mr. Chappelle belongs to the Order of Red Men, and is senior deacon in the blue lodge of Masons.

W. B. DUNCAN, M. D., a practicing physician of Patoka, was born in Pike County, Indiana, January 20, 1851, a son of John J. and Harriet Duncan. The former was born in 1823, and was a son of Shadrack Duncan, whose father emigrated from Scotland to America. The maternal grandfather's name was Routt. John Duncan died in 1889 and his wife many years previous. Their children were Dr. W. B.; Mary, wife of Jacob McAtee; Ellen B., wife of Melvin Colt; and Eckless, who married Anson Jerauld. After the death of his first wife, John Duncan wedded Rilko Woods, by whom he had four children—Obie, Joseph, Mabel and Hattie. Dr. Duncan spent his boyhood on his father's farm and after attaining his majority spent one year in school in Bloomfield to fit himself for teaching. He followed that profession one year, and then began reading medicine under Dr. S. C. Cravens, of Bloomfield. Subsequently he spent three years in the Indianapolis College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was graduated in the class of 1877. Locating in Bloomfield he engaged in practice for four years, also conducted a drug store, and through the succeeding four years he resided on a farm which he operated in addition to his practice. In 1885 he came to Patoka, where he soon gained a large patronage, which from the beginning has steadily increased. For seven years he conducted a drug store here, but the growth of his practice at length com-

polled him to relinquish this. In Greene County, Indiana, Dr. Duncan was united in marriage to Allie M. Buckner, a daughter of Edward Buckner, a merchant. They have three children—Belle, Frank and Edith, and their social standing in their adopted city is very high. The Doctor is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and is a popular, genial gentleman, who, aside from his profession, has won many friends. He has kept fully abreast with the progress made in the science of medicine, and has a well earned reputation as a skilled physician.

ROBERT A. FIELD.—The stability or substantial progress of a county or state is due largely to its agriculturists and of this class our subject is a worthy representative. He was born in Gibson County, March 7, 1855, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of the state. His grandfather, Abraham Field, was born in Indiana, in a little pioneer home which his parents had established on this then wild western frontier among the Indians. Joseph J. Field, father of our subject, was born in 1831, and made farming his life work. He married Nancy Phillips, daughter of Robert Phillips, a pioneer blacksmith of Gibson County. Mr. Field died at the early age of thirty-two. His children were Cyrtina, wife of Wilson Kinney, of Kingston, California; Robert A.; Grace, wife of Joe Fawcett, of Shelbyville, Illinois. Mr. Field was twice married, his second union being with Rachel Morrison, by whom he had a daughter, Nancy J., now the wife of Henry Polley. From the early age of nine years Robert Field has depended on his own exertions for a livelihood. He was industrious, energetic and ambitious, and at the time of his marriage had accumulated sufficient capital to establish a pleasant little home. After two years spent in Patoka he rented the Wellborn farm and later the Miller farm, cultivating the same until 1889, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres. This he placed under a high state of cultivation and the commodious residence, substantial barns and well tilled fields all indicate the thrift and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Field was married September 12, 1881, to Miss Fannie Newsum, daughter of James I. Newsum, deceased. Their children are Tobe, Elmer, Eldren, Lete and Walter. Mr. Field is a Democrat, and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. A self-made man, he deserves great credit for his success in life, for all that he possesses is the reward of his labors.

JEFFERSON TURPIN, a self-made man whose energy and well directed efforts have brought to him a comfortable competence, and whose sterling worth has won him the high regard of many friends, was born in Henderson County, Kentucky, November 27, 1819. His grandfather, William Turpin, was born in Virginia, in 1727, and was a patriot of the Revolutionary war. He died in Henderson County, Kentucky, at the very advanced

age of one hundred and three, and his wife at the age of one hundred and two. The father of our subject, William Turpin, Jr., was born in the Old Dominion in 1784, and was a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Annie Slavin, who died in Washington township, Gibson County, in 1838, while his death occurred in 1844, their remains being interred on White River. Their children were Alfred, deceased; Jefferson; Isaac, deceased; Betsy, deceased wife of Shep Dawson; Michael, deceased; Sallie, who also married Mr. Dawson, and has now passed away; and Calvin. Jefferson Turpin spent his youth in his native county, and was early trained to habits of industry, for his parents were in limited circumstances, and he was forced to assist in the work of the farm and to provide for his own maintenance. In 1833 he came to Gibson County, and for twenty-five years resided in Patoka township. At the age of twenty-five he married Caroline, daughter of Asa Decker, and located on a farm of one hundred acres, which he still owns. In 1866 his wife died and for his second wife he chose Samantha Decker, daughter of David Evans. His children, born of the first marriage, are Clark, Harriet, deceased wife of Joe Moore; Asa; James; Margaret, wife of Monroe McDaniel; Riley; John; Alice, wife of Ed Richey; and Sherman. Mr. Turpin has been a most energetic and progressive man. The obstacles and difficulties in his path he has overcome by determined effort, and has worked his way steadily upward. He is now the possessor of three hundred acres of valuable land and his farm is one of the best in the township. In politics he is a Democrat, socially is a Mason, and in religious belief is a Cumberland Presbyterian.

WILLIAM C. McFETRIDGE.—A little more than forty years years ago—January 28, 1855—in White River township, Gibson County, was born the gentleman whose name begins this sketch, and who, through the greater part of his life has been numbered among the leading farmers of the community. His grandfather was one of the first settlers of this county, emigrating from South Carolina. His father, John Quincy McFetridge, was born in Gibson County, in 1828, and spent his entire life here, a prosperous and progressive farmer. He married Cynthia C. Hargrove, who still survives him, his death having occurred in 1890. Their children were William C.; Fannie, wife of Henry Steelman; Mollie E.; Laura, wife of William McGee; Edgar and Minnie. William C. McFetridge is indebted to the district schools for his educational privileges. He pursued his studies during the winter season, and in the summer months assisted in the labors of the home farm until his marriage, when he located on a farm which he had previously purchased and which has since been his home. It comprises two hundred and thirty-four acres of valuable land, and the well tilled fields yield to the owner a golden tribute in

return for his care and cultivation. In December, 1882, Mr. McPetridge wedded Fannie E. Knaub, daughter of Norman Knaub, of German lineage. They have five children—Charles W., Myrtle, Pascal R., Lester and Ernest. Mr. McPetridge is a supporter of the Populist party. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Methodist Church. Coming of a family of pioneers, like his ancestors he has aided in the development of the county, by his faithful performance of the duties of citizenship, and by his earnest support of all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

FRANK J. KIGHTLY.—In a brief sketch of any living citizen it is difficult to do him exact and impartial justice. Not from lack of space or words to set forth the familiar and passing events of his personal history, but because a modesty that shuns anything egotistic prevents the enterprising business man from setting forth in bold outlines the history of his useful career. In Mr. Kightly, however, Gibson County recognizes one who has been an important factor in its development. He was born in Evansville, Indiana, August 13, 1849, a son of Josiah Kightly, one of the prominent business men of Hazelton. His father was born in Chatteras, England, in January, 1822, and at the age of twenty-three years sailed for the United States, landing at New Orleans. He made his way to Evansville, Indiana, where he secured employment with the firm of Babcock Brothers, in whose service he remained for seventeen years. In April, 1862, he came to Hazelton, where he embarked in merchandising, carrying on his store alone until 1875, when he formed a partnership and thus conducted it until 1884. He has large real estate interests in Hazelton, and owns valuable farming land in Gibson and Knox counties. From 1882 until 1888 he served as County Commissioner, and was a painstaking and trustworthy official, whose devotion to the public welfare was most marked. Josiah Kightly was married in Evansville in 1848, to Elizabeth Furnis, who died in 1867. The children of that union were Frank J.; William and Sarah J., both deceased; Mary E.; W. R.; and John R., deceased. In 1869 the father married Sarah Rowe, and their child is Lucy, wife of William Ennis, of Princeton. The grandfather of our subject was William Kightly, an English farmer. Frank J. Kightly spent the first thirteen years of his life in the city of his birth, and then removed with his father to Hazelton. At the age of seventeen he started out in life for himself, and for four years worked as a farm hand at sixteen dollars per month. He then began farming on his own account, and has met success in his chosen calling. Industry and enterprise are his two dominate qualities and combined with sound judgment in his business affairs have brought to him a handsome competence, so that he is now numbered among the prosperous farmers of White River township. His political support is given

the Republican party. Mr. Kightly was married at the age of thirty, September 2, 1879, to Mrs. Luc Edwards, a daughter of Adam Miller, and widow of Jesse Edwards. By her former marriage she had two children—Willis and Lillie, the latter the wife of Columbus Austin.

HARVEY MILBURN, the efficient and popular principal of the Hazelton schools, is a successful educator, and his exceptional ability has gained him marked prestige among the younger representatives of his profession in Indiana. He was born in Linn County, Missouri, August 1, 1870. His father, Augustus Milburn, was born in Patoka, Indiana, fifty-eight years ago, and his ancestors were farming people, industrious and honorable. For three years during the Civil war he followed the stars and stripes on southern battle fields, valiantly defending the Union cause, and for his meritorious service was promoted to the rank of Captain of Company C, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He married Miss Isabel Devins, daughter of Gayton Devins, and their home was blessed with five children, namely: Preston, Alexander, Harvey F., Sue and Mary. The grandfather of our subject was John Milburn, a well known pioneer of Gibson County. His father ~~also~~ bore the name of John, and came from Kentucky to this county at a very early day, locating on what has since been known as the Milburn farm, three miles east of Patoka. Thus the family has been identified with this locality from the days of its earliest settlement. Harvey Milburn, although born in Missouri, has resided in Gibson County since 1873, at which time his parents returned to their old home. He acquired his preliminary education in the Patoka schools, and was afterward graduated on the completion of the teachers' course at the South-western University of Princeton. Later he spent three years in the State University, and has been thus ably prepared for his chosen vocation. He taught his first term in the Decker school house, his second in the Steelman district, and then became assistant at Hazelton. When only twenty-five years of age he was made principal of the schools of Hazelton, and is now serving his second year in that capacity. That he has the popular approval is shown by his re-election to the position, and his able administration has produced a number of excellent improvements in the schools.

BYRON S. SPAIN, a leading farmer and influential citizen of White River township, is a descendant of one of the first settlers of Gibson County. His great-grandfather, Abraham Spain, was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, February 23, 1770, and was married there to Betsy Allen, who was born in 1773, and was a relative of the daring Colonel, Ethan Allen, who commanded the Green Mountain boys during the Revolutionary war. With their seven children, Mr. and Mrs. Spain started for the territory of

Indiana in 1813, but circumstances led them to change their plans, and they went instead to Rutherford County, North Carolina. Two years later they again started for the Hoosier State, and eventually arrived in Gibson County, then forming a part of Knox County. On the journey they had a horse team and ox team and a cow. They located on Congress land, and the husband developed a farm. He died in 1813, and lies buried in the Holcomb cemetery, thirteen miles south of Princeton. Archibald W. Spain, the grandfather, was born in 1798, and died in 1870. He married Sarah Garwood, and became a prosperous farmer. One of his ten children was William A. Spain, the father of our subject. He married Jemima McFetridge. He was born May 4, 1828, and died in 1886, leaving an estate of more than five hundred acres, which he had accumulated by his own well directed efforts. His children are Byron S.; Daniel C.; Pleasant N.; deceased; J. W.; Dora J., deceased wife of William Carpenter; Emma B. and Harrison M., who have also departed this life; Florence E., wife of Charles Johnson, of South Dakota; Mary A., wife of Ellis Tichenor; William A.; Charles A. and Lillie, twins; and Purvis A. Byron S. Spain was born December 12, 1849, and was reared to manhood within a half mile of his present residence. He completed his education in Patoka, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has since followed. He first rented part of his father's farm for six years, and in 1878 purchased sixty-five acres of land, to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased, until he is now the owner of a valuable property of two hundred and seventy-five acres. He early formed habits of industry, which have had an important bearing upon his entire life, and making good use of his opportunities he has prospered from year to year. On the 1st of May, 1872, Mr. Spain married Arvilla Decker. Her parents are both deceased, and her brothers and sisters are Payton, James P., John, Howard and Marcellus. Seven children graced the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spain—Maggie M., wife of David Hazleton; Fred P.; William W.; Nellie D.; Allen G. C.; Bessie and Ruth. Mr. Spain is a Democrat, and was the party's candidate for Sheriff in 1884, at which time he was defeated by only forty-six votes, although the county has an acknowledged Republican majority of two hundred. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family and well deserves representation in this volume.

ERI WILLIAMS, who is engaged in general farming in White River township, was born in Portage County, Ohio, July 12, 1841, and traces his ancestry back to the sturdy citizens of the little rock-ribbed country of Wales. His grandfather was a native of that land, and was pressed into the British service against the Colonies in the war of the Revolution. When the war was

over, so pleased was he with the country that he made a location in New York, and afterward removed to Ohio. John Williams, the father of our subject, was born in the Buckeye State, and died in Knox County in 1856, at the age of sixty-five years. He wedded Mary Ames, who died in 1876, and of their nine children Eri and F. B. are the only ones now living. Our subject was brought by his parents to Indiana in 1852, the family locating in Knox County, where he resided until 1886, when he became a resident of Gibson County. His educational privileges were meagre, but experience and observation has made him a well informed man. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-fourth Indiana Infantry in July, 1861. His regiment formed a part of General Grant's army, operating on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and he first met the enemy in battle at Fort Donelson. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and in the Vicksburg campaign, including the engagements at Fort Gibson, Raymond, Edwards' Station and Champion Hills. At the last named he was shot in the leg, and was sent to the Evansville Hospital, where he remained until the expiration of his term. He then returned to Knox County, and as soon as his health permitted began the operation of a rented farm. Industry, perseverance and economy have characterized his career, and at length have brought to him a justly deserved success. Mr. Williams was married in September, 1865, to Polly Thompson, who died in 1868. In 1872 he wedded Harriet Tolbert, and to them were born two children—Mamie, wife of Fred Shugert; and Edward. In November, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Williams and Mrs. Lydia Thompson, the widow of Robert D. Thompson, and the only daughter of Stewart Cunningham. Four children grace this union—James, Granville, and Emma and Eva, twins. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Mrs. Williams were pioneers of Gibson County. Her great-grandfather, John Cunningham, was a Georgia planter, who came to this county in 1812, and located in White River township, just east of Hazleton. His son, William Cunningham, married Sallie Decker, daughter of Abraham Decker, and died here in 1865, when about seventy years of age. Stewart Cunningham was married in 1842 to Georgiana Robb, a daughter of David Robb. Mr. and Mrs. Williams both own good farms in White River township, and the former has a valuable farming property in Knox County. Their long residence in this section of the state has made them widely known and the circle of their warm friends is extensive.

WILLIAM A. BARNETT was born August 24, 1859, on the old family homestead, and is a representative of one of the earliest families of Gibson County. On coming to the county the grandfather of our subject purchased a large and heavily wooded tract of government land along the White River. He was born in Ken-

tucky, May 11, 1800, and on the 17th of December, 1826, married Margaret Mosely, who was born September 25, 1804. They became parents of fourteen children. The grandfather died September 4, 1863, and the grandmother December 12, 1880. Of their family Robert S. Barnett was the fifth in order of birth, and on the 17th of March, 1833. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the boys in blue of Company C, Eightieth Indiana Infantry, enlisting at Danville, Kentucky, and laid down his life on the altar of his country, for death came to him while in the service, October 31, 1862. He was married on the 4th of November, 1858, to Miss Mary Nagle, whose father was a native of Germany, and one of the early settlers of Indiana. She survived her husband thirty years, and carefully reared their two children—William A., of this review; and Sarah, now the wife of Z. N. Finney, of Gibson County. Her death occurred in 1894, and was deeply mourned by many friends. William A. Barnett has spent almost his entire life in the old family homestead. He aided in its development during his boyhood and is now the owner of a considerable portion of that tract which his grandfather entered so many years ago. His preliminary education was supplemented by study under the direction of Dr. Howard. He embarked in business in Hazelton in 1877, but after two years returned to the farm and purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property, since which time he has successfully cultivated it. For some years he has also been the agent of the Challenge Wind Mill and Feed Mill Company, and his success in this direction winning for him the confidence and trust of the company he has recently been made their general agent for Indiana. He is a man of excellent executive business ability and keen foresight, and his prosperity is well merited. Mr. Barnett was married November 14, 1888, to Carrie D., daughter of Martin Beck, of Gibson County, and their children are Arthur, Mary M., Sarah Esther and an infant. Mr. Barnett is one of the leading and influential members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Hazelton, was largely instrumental in securing the erection of the house of worship there, and has done all in his power to promote the growth and extend the influence of the church. He is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been an active participant in political affairs, in connection with the Democratic party.

J. W. STEELMAN, a leading and influential farmer of White River township, was born July 20, 1853, and was the sixth child of John W. and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Steelman. His paternal grandfather was of English birth, but his parents were probably Welsh. Their emigration to America was followed by their immediate settlement in Ohio, where some of their descendants

still reside. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Hinkle, who emigrated from the Keystone State to Ohio, and thence to Indiana. John W. Steelman, the father, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, seventy-four years ago, and in 1863 removed from Clark County, that state, to Gibson County, where his remaining days were passed. During his long life he was an industrious, useful and thrifty citizen. In his youth he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed much of the time until his removal to Indiana. He had a wide acquaintance, and all who knew him respected him for his sterling worth. Mr. and Mrs. Steelman were the parents of the following named children: Rebecca, wife of Frank Barnes; Catherine, wife of Aaron Wayne, of Clark County, Kansas; Phoebe, of Reuben Silbert; William, who married Ellen Robb, and is now deceased; Amanda, deceased; Mark; Mary, who has also passed away; Henry; Fannie, wife of William McPetridge; Ellen; and Dora, wife of Alex. Hinkle. Mr. Steelman, whose name introduces this sketch, began his education in the common schools of Ohio, and completed it in School District No. 4 of White River township. On the 15th of September, 1875, he married Miss Caroline Knaub, daughter of Norman and Caroline (McCartney) Knaub, both of whom are now deceased. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, died September 8, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Steelman are the parents of seven children—Eva, who died at the age of two years; Fred, Frank, Fern, Mary, Arthur and Lulu. Mr. Steelman is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Odd Fellows' Society, and also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. His entire life has been devoted to farming and in his undertakings has met with a fair degree of success, resulting from his enterprise and diligence.

MILTON McROBERTS has been prominently identified with the public interests of Washington township, and is one of its leading and influential farmers. He was born near his present home, November 24, 1850. His grandfather, David McRoberts, died near Cincinnati, Ohio, many years ago. His father, Artemus B. McRoberts, was a native of Kentucky, was reared in the Buckeye State, and when a young man came to Gibson County. Here he married Indiana Lewis, a daughter of Stephen Lewis, and they became parents of the following children, namely: Milton, Narcissa J., wife of Henry Phillips; Artemus B.; Francis M.; Willard S. and Jerome, both deceased; and David C. Milton McRoberts, the immediate subject of this sketch, received such educational advantages as were afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood, and from his early youth was trained to habits of industry on the home farm. At the time of his marriage he purchased a part of the old homestead, and as his financial resources have increased has added to his property until he now

owns a valuable tract of land of one hundred and one acres, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation. The well tilled fields surround substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the owner, and the neat appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision. He is progressive in his methods, systematic in his work and honorable in all his relations with his fellow men. The lady who bears the name of Mrs. McRoberts was in her maidenhood Elizabeth Phillips, a daughter of John and Mary (Foster) Phillips. Their children are Clarence, born July 20, 1875; James L., born September 14, 1877; John R., born October 30, 1879; Edith M., born April 12, 1884; Sallie G., deceased, born April 21, 1887; Ethel, deceased, born June 19, 1890; Cornelia, born December 31, 1891; and Lewis Milton, born January 19, 1894. Mr. McRoberts is a firm believer in the tenets of modern Democracy, and is a staunch supporter of the cause of his party. He was elected Trustee of Washington township in November, 1894, and since the 5th of August, 1895, has faithfully and acceptably discharged the duties of that position. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

W. L. McROBERTS, of Washington township, ex-County Commissioner of Gibson County, and a gentleman whose social and business ties bind him to his neighbors and friends closer than a brother, is a successful farmer, a useful citizen and a Christian man. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, August 8, 1837. In the year 1840 his father, the late David McRoberts, left the old Ohio home and turned his head toward the Hoosier state and stopped only when he had set foot upon the soil of this county. In his young days he was employed upon a canal in Ohio, and while so engaged his "boss" proposed to sell him a ninety-acre tract of land which he owned in Indiana, and this proposition led to its purchase and to the removal of the family to Gibson County. He lived and labored on this farm till 1870, when he died. He was born in New York in 1805. His wife, nee Rebecca Abbott, died in 1873. She was the mother of thirteen children, of whom the following are living: Lucy, widow of Jerry Hillman; A. D.; Barnard; William L.; and Marinda, wife of Calvin Minnier. The paternal grandfather of these children was David McRoberts, a soldier of the war of 1812. Their mother's people, the Abbotts, were from the State of Maryland. Our subject was educated in the common schools. He began life for himself at twenty-two as a farmer. He was married in 1861 to Mrs. Mary France, daughter of James Kirk. They have reared their family on their present beautiful homestead, made so by their own efforts. Their children are: William A., who married Cynthia Hoover; Ambrose U., whose wife was Ella Finney; Ethel D. O. Mr. McRoberts is a staunch Republican, and was elected Commis-

sioner in 1888 and served six years, succeeding Josiah Kightly. The board of which he was a member finished paying off the indebtedness contracted by the building of the court house, bought the county farm of 208 acres and improved it. All his public acts were such as to meet the just approval of the public and he retired from the office with the best wishes of a grateful populace. Mr. McRoberts has been for many years engaged in ministerial work on behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His work has been largely that of a supply in this and the adjoining counties, and his sermons and work have been of such character as to mark him as a sincere and earnest Christian worker.

JOSEPH MOORE, County Commissioner-elect, from Washington township, is one of the successful farmers of Gibson County and is held in high esteem among his neighbors and acquaintances generally for the many commendable traits of character he possesses. He was born near where he now resides, in the Patoka bottoms, September 6, 1844. He grew to maturity in that locality, and although he made the acquaintance with hard work early in life, he managed to get, from the "old log school house," what was then called a common school education. When he arrived at an age when young men feel that they ought to make a start for themselves, Mr. Moore set to work raising corn and hogs. The war then came on and he felt himself impelled from motives of patriotism to do what he could, as a private soldier, to aid in putting down the trouble. He accordingly enlisted in January, 1865, in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel John F. Grille. He was detailed at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as orderly for Medical Director George E. Seat, of Ohio, and served in this capacity till the day he was mustered out in October, 1865. On his return from the army Mr. Moore took up farming, which he has continued uninterruptedly to this day. He owns one hundred and fifteen acres of fine soil and is situated to make farming pay even in hard times. December 13, 1866, Mr. Moore married Harriet, a daughter of Jefferson Turpin. She died in 1880. For his second wife Mr. Moore married Mary J. Phillips, whose father, John Phillips, together with his father, Robert Phillips, were pioneers. Here Mr. Moore's children, R. Allen, who married Kate Carter; Clarence, who married Stella Phillips; Charley, whose wife was Lillie Utley. And by the second wife there are: Linnie, Josie, deceased, and Earl. Mr. Moore is a son of John C. Moore, who came to Gibson County in 1813. He was then a small lad and in care of his father, David J. Moore, who settled on the Patoka bottom and died there in 1847, at about sixty-two years of age. He was a Mexican soldier and also served in the Indian wars of the Northwest. Our subject's mother was Elizabeth Dawson, a daughter of John Dawson, a Virginia settler.

Her children were: Mary, wife of David McMillan; Elizabeth, deceased wife of B. R. Fields; Rebecca, deceased wife of L. H. Van Campen; Eliza, wife of Frank Turpin; John Moore; Joseph Moore; Edward Moore; David Moore; and Ellen, deceased. Mr. Moore is a Democrat and was elected Commissioner in November, 1896, by a majority of 144 votes and will succeed J. W. Phillips in August, 1897.

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